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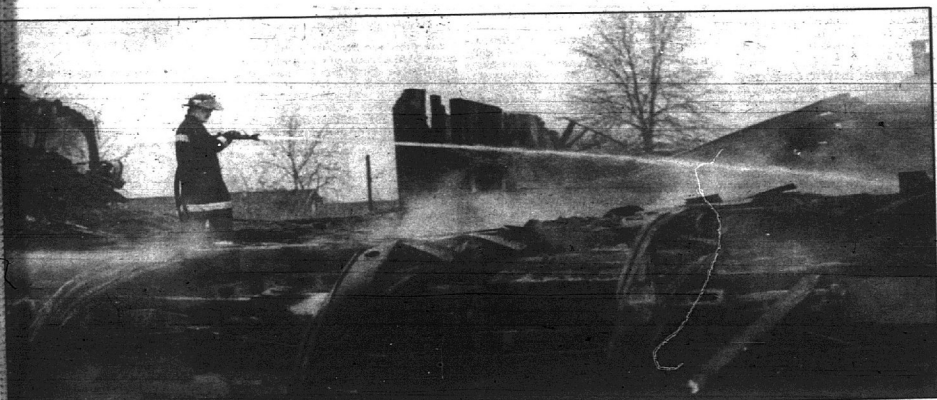
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(Photos by Dennis Grubaugh)



FIREFIGHTERS WORKED throughout the night battling the suspicious fire at Mount Zion General Baptist Church and Gateway Christian Academy at 21st and Benton. Left, Dave Jenkins sprays water in the sanctuary area.

Right, another shot of a firefighter, taken through the doorway in the front of the church. Tomorrow's *Press-Record* will have more details of the investigation and the church family's plight.

Fire levels church, school

By Dennis Grubaugh
Managing editor

GRANITE CITY — A 100-member church and a 41-student school, Mount Zion General Baptist and its Gateway Christian Academy, burned to the ground yesterday morning, the apparent work of an arsonist.

The fire on the northwest corner of 21st and Benton streets was called in at 1:48 a.m. Tuesday but it quickly swept through the structure, said Fire Chief Charles Bernaix.

"There were several fires in the building, in different areas of the basement," Bernaix said.

asked to investigate and a five-man team arrived in mid-morning. The alley behind the church was being studied for possible evidence.

Bernaix said firefighters would have to wait until the basement was dry to fully investigate the cause of the blaze. "Right now, it's flooded," Bernaix said.

Originally 11 firefighters worked the scene, and eight more were called in before the 7 a.m. shift change, Bernaix said. Bernaix himself had the day off. "I was on vacation until 1:45 this morning," he said.

Only minor injuries to firefighters were reported, most of them cuts and bruises, he said.

said.

Pastor Larry G. Hunt said the congregation has launched the search for a replacement structure. Finding a home for either the church or the academy won't be easy, "but the school will be the difficult part," he said.

The board of deacons of the 36-year-old church met Tuesday to discuss the next move. "Anybody that knows of a building, we'd be happy to talk with them," Hunt said. A door that was normally doublebolted at the back of the church was found ajar by firefighters, and Hunt's office was ransacked.

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Reviews and previews

Hearings set on school shuffle

Granite City School Board members will hold two public hearings on a proposal that calls for redistricting for the 1989-90 school year for Niedringhaus, Prather, Webster-Lake and Marshall elementary schools. The meetings have been set for 7 p.m. Monday at Webster School, East 25th and Kate streets, and 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, at Niedringhaus School, 29th and State streets.

St. Mary-St. Mark to discuss rumor

School officials hope to quell rumors predicting the closing of St. Mary-St. Mark School at a 7 p.m. meeting April 12 in the school cafeteria, 912 Lee Ave., Madison. The meeting will outline proposed plans, review the results of a study conducted by a parish committee, and consider several changes and new programs.

District 9 nixes dismissals

The District 9 School Board voted unanimously Tuesday night not to send any teachers or staff any honorable dismissal notices for the 1989-90 school year. Superintendent Gib Walsley said there will be 15 retirements and that enough jobs should be created through attrition. The district has not issued any honorable dismissals since spring 1985.

50 years ago

Thursday, April 6, 1939

The first step toward establishing a low-cost federal housing project in Granite City was taken by Mayor M.E. Kirkpatrick when he appointed a housing authority made up of himself and four other citizens.

Tip of the hat

Newest members

Tammie Wickham and Joe Yurko, Granite City High School juniors, will serve as allocations members for the Tri-Cities Area United Way. They will visit United Way agencies, study budgets and services, evaluate needs, and make funding recommendations. Wickham, Student Council vice president, is the daughter of Sharon and Larry Wickham of Granite City. Yurko, Madison County Youth Board member, is the son of Andrew and Jo Ann Yurko of Granite City.

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Venice viaduct repair work to begin

By Andy Siering
Staff writer

VENICE — Traffic will be disrupted, but not halted, when the long-awaited replacement of the concrete deck on the Broadway viaduct begins next week.

The viaduct carries vehicular traffic over the Venice railroad yards.

The four lanes of the structure will be nar-

rowed to two, one each way, during the duration of the 17-month project. But that "will be enough to convey traffic in both directions," said Herb Shotwell, construction engineer for District 8 of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Keller Construction Co. of Edwardsville, which submitted the low bid of \$3,335,396, was selected as the general contractor for the project in early March, Shotwell said.

Gary Marco, the project manager for Keller, said some preliminary work had already begun, and he said he was "pretty sure" that lane closings would start next Wednesday, April 12.

Shotwell said the project is scheduled for completion Sept. 1, 1990.

Marco said there are no companies from the Quad City area involved in the project.

'BD kids': Why does Johnny misbehave?

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — It is a sunny, pre-spring day at Wilson School. Bob Page, a stocky, middle-aged teacher, is at his desk grading a stack of papers.

The room is also occupied by a dozen boys ranging in age from 9 to 14, each completing an

English assignment on object pronouns. One boy has three crumpled balls of paper on his desk and several more at his feet. He rolls his pencil across a new sheet of paper and stares off into space.

"You're not working," Page says to the boy, without looking up from the paper he's grading.

"Stop looking around and get busy."

In the room next door, teacher Jane Tolhurst is seated at a child-sized table, where a small, red-haired boy stands beside her. He is happily reading aloud from a word list but suddenly stops to consult her, pointing frantically at one word.

"That's 'chipmunk,'" Tolhurst tells the 7-year-old. Satisfied, he returns to his desk softly repeating "chipmunk" as he walks.

These scenes might be from any classroom at any school but they are from two classes for "behaviorally disordered" students.

Page, a teacher for 31 years, has worked with "BD kids," as they're more commonly called, for the last 18. He has had a knife pulled on him, received threatening phone calls, and gets "cussed out" on a regular basis. So why does he stick with it?

"They're not bad kids," Page said. "In fact, some of them are very good kids who have just been kicked from pillar to post. There's something wrong with their mind or they've learned some type of behavior at home to get their way and do what they want to do. They hate authority," Page said.

Steve Balen, Madison County Region I special education director, echoes this theory. "A lot of them have some kind of brain damage," Balen said. "That doesn't mean they're stupid. They think differently and, chemically, they're different than everybody else."

For many, problems at home compound any behavioral or learning disorders the children may have. This is especially true of the younger children, ages 6 to 9, in Tolhurst's class who she says often don't know

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BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS can manifest themselves in many ways, including frustration, as illustrated here, with the boy at left scribbling aimlessly during art class while his classmates draw pictures.

Child abduction charged

GRANITE CITY — A man who allegedly abducted a 14-year-old girl from a street in Kirkpatrick Homes was charged with child abduction in an information issued March 27 to Granite City police by the Madison County State Attorney's Office.

Stephen Michael Williams, 21, of the 2400 block of Lincoln Avenue was charged with child abduction and also resisting arrest.

In his appearance at the Granite City court, bond was set at \$25,000 on the abduction charge. A mittimus was issued and he was transferred March 28 to the Madison County Jail in Edwardsville.

The incident occurred about 10 p.m. March 24 when several officers were sent to the 2000

block of Sherman Avenue in response to a disturbance call. Before they arrived, the officers were advised that an abduction possibly was in progress.

It was learned later that the girl had broken loose from a man in a car on Quincy Avenue, between 20th and 21st streets, near Sherman Avenue. A man was chased a short distance before Williams was found hiding in bushes, an officer said.

The girl said she did not know Williams and alleged he had asked her for directions while she was walking in Kirkpatrick Homes, police said.

He allegedly got her in his car, drove away and threatened her until she escaped from the vehicle and ran.

Two young brothers assailed, robbed

An 11-year-old boy and his 9-year-old brother, both of the 2100 block of Lee Avenue, reported March 26 that they were struck from behind by two boys while they walked through the alley behind the Wayside Tavern, 2160 Washington Ave. After the 11-year-old was knocked to the ground, a \$5 bill was taken from him. The assailants ran away down the alley.

Red wheelbarrow stolen
A man picked up a new red wheelbarrow worth \$40 from a display outside Huebner Hardware in the 2800 block of Madison Avenue, put it in the back of a white El Camino truck and drove away March 25.

Warrant, traffic charges
Margaret Rose Smothers, 23, of the 2000 block of Troy Avenue, Madison, was charged March 24 with driving while her license was suspended and driving with only one headlamp after the car she was driving was stopped by an officer at 18th and Benton streets. She also was served a Pontoon Beach warrant alleging failure to appear on a charge of driving while her license was suspended.

Speakers taken from car
Two speakers were dismantled and stolen from the auto of Tammy Littlejohn while the car was parked in the street outside her home in the 2000 block of Lee Avenue, she reported March 24. The speakers were valued at \$300. Also missing is a power booster worth \$40.

DUI

Charges against driver
Thomas Allen Childers, 26, of the 1600 block of Third Street, Madison, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while his license was suspended at 2:40 a.m. March 24.

Childers was allegedly sleeping at the wheel of a car at Fourth Street and McCambridge Avenue and was advised by an officer to leave the vehicle parked. He was arrested after he allegedly drove away and failed to stop for several blocks. Childers posted \$302 bail and was released at 10 a.m. March 24, pending an April 13 hearing at the Madison County Courthouse in Edwardsville.

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Revolver, cash stolen

A burglar opened a window and removed a screen to get into the home of Dan M. Cook in the 2400 block of Jorden Avenue, he reported March 24. The intruder stole a .22 caliber 9-shot revolver, six \$2 bills and about \$85 in half-dollars and quarters.

Cabbie alleges battery

William M. Sale, 25, of the 2000 block of Beckwith Avenue in Madison was arrested March 26 for battery. He allegedly threatened Gregory MacGyver, 34, of the 2000 block of Grand Avenue while near MacGyver's home. MacGyver was working as a cab driver. It was contended Sale reached through a cab window and grabbed MacGyver by the shoulder, tearing his shirt. Sale was taken to the police station and released on \$102 cash bail.

Briefcase, tapes stolen

Todd Smith of Hazelwood reported March 22 his auto was burglarized while in the parking lot at the Woolworth store in the 1300 block of 19th Street. Missing were a briefcase valued at \$25, two checkbooks worth \$20, four music tapes valued at \$20 and a radar wire.

Burglar steals 13 dolls

Thirteen dolls valued at a total of \$325 were among the loot taken in a burglary at the home of Joan A. Ringhardt in the 2500 block of Washington Avenue, reported

March 22.

The intruder entered the house by taking a ladder from a shed in the rear yard and using it to climb up and break out a window.

An 8,000 BTU air conditioner was removed from a window on the north side of the house and stolen. An attempt was made to remove another air conditioning unit from a window.

Other items missing were a vase and two flower pots valued at \$99 and a 19-inch color television.

Portable generator gone

A burglar got through the sliding glass door of a van parked at the home of Steve Sexton in the 2700 block of Warren Avenue and stole a portable generator valued at \$429 and a half-inch hammer drill worth \$154. It was reported March 22. Two other vehicles at the home, an auto and a pickup truck, also were entered and ransacked.

Woman slapped in face

Paul Lucian Boyer, 26, of the 2600 block of Edwards Street was arrested for battery March 27. Judy Webb, 46, of the 3800 block of Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, reported she was staying at the Boyer residence at the request of Kathy Boyer, her daughter and Paul Boyer's wife.

Webb reportedly went to be and a short time later Paul Boyer arrived home and started yelling at Kathy Boyer. Webb said that when she entered the room she was slapped in the face. Bail for Paul Boyer was set at \$102 cash.

Burglar steals blouses

Lori A. Parker of the 2100 block of Benton Street reported March 27 that a burglar had broken into her home and taken several blouses.

Probation received in Granite City case

Dispositions

Loran Collins, 22, of Hanceville, Ala., formerly of the 2400 block of East 23rd Street, was sentenced March 3 to two years of probation and payment of a restitution amount still to be determined for aggravated battery. In a July 30, 1988, incident, Collins beat an 18-year-old Granite City man about the head, giving him a concussion and breaking his jaw.

Sentenced for bad check

David Moyer, 54, of St. Louis was sentenced March 20 to two years in a state prison and to pay restitution of \$202 for deceptive practice. In a May 16, 1987, incident, Moyer wrote a check to Central Hardware, 1 Crossroads Plaza, for \$202 against a Germania Savings and Loan Association account that had been closed.

Probation in burglary

Charlie D. Spink, 30, of the 2400 block of Logan Avenue was sentenced March 15 to two years' probation for burglary. On Dec. 19, Spink attempted to remove a citizen band radio from a van parked at a residence in the 2200 block of Washington Avenue.

Probation for use theft

Richard Bridger, 33, of the 3800 block of Kirkpatrick Homes was sentenced March 15 to one year of probation and a restitution amount to be determined for theft

of use of property. Despite several demands in December for the return of a stereo, television, video cassette recorder and furniture valued at more than \$500 from Bert's Rental, 1920 Delmar Ave., Bridger retained use of the items.

Prison for shoplifting

Reginald Bogay of East St. Louis was sentenced March 1 to 15 months in a state prison for second-offense retail theft. In a Jan. 30 incident, Bogay took three cartons of cigarettes from the Granite City K mart. He had a previous retail theft conviction in St. Clair County.

Two granted probation

Tony T. Carney, 34, and Ronald L. Carney, 20, both of the 4000 block of Kathy Drive, were sentenced March 3 to two years of probation and fined \$500 each for unlawful delivery of less than 30 but more than 10 grams of cannabis. The two were arrested at their residence Feb. 21 following an investigation by Pontoon Beach police.

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McCaskill to remain in District 3 another year

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

VENICE — Charles McCaskill will retain his job as District 3 superintendent for at least another year.

During a special meeting of the Venice school board March 27, an agreement modifying McCaskill's current contract was approved.

McCaskill was pleased with the contract approval. "I have enjoyed working with the Venice school board and the staff here," McCaskill said. "I am glad they want me to stay."

McCaskill in April 1987 had

signed a two-year contract, which remains in effect until June 30 of this year. The new contract was modified to read that he would be retained until June 30, 1990.

The measure followed a superintendent evaluation which is conducted by the board every March.

McCaskill's current annual salary of \$45,773 will rise in accordance with a salary increase and fringe benefits to be given to teachers in June. McCaskill received a 5.5 percent increase for the 1988-89 school year.

MESD enacts budget

By Andy Siering
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — The board of the Metro East Sanitary District on Thursday enacted a \$4.7 million budget for 1989.

The district's fiscal year begins in January and ends in December.

MESD Executive Director Shang Greathouse said the \$4.7 million is misleading because governmental bodies routinely pass budgets much larger than their anticipated tax revenues just in case there are extra funds forthcoming. Greathouse said the district actually expects to get about \$2.7 million.

On Feb. 28 in a special election, voters in the district passed a measure raising the MESD tax rate limit from 21 cents to 47 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The extra money will be used to contribute the MESD's 25 percent share (about \$5.7 million) of the cost of rehabilitating the flood protection system. The federal government will contribute most of the rest of the money.

The increased tax will bring the district an expected

\$1,155,000 more in 1989 than in 1988, when it got about \$1.5 million.

In 1994, the tax will drop down to 31 cents, bringing the district \$1.9 million a year.

Greathouse said he didn't expect to see any of the new money until the fall of 1990.

He said the district would have to borrow money to meet its operating bills and the obligations of its agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Corps will oversee the rehabilitation project. As the bills come in, the MESD will be asked for its share.

Only about \$400,000 worth of work will be done this year, Greathouse said, adding that he hasn't given the Corps any funds yet.

Gravely drains are to be improved during the 1988-89 federal fiscal year ending Sept. 30.

Greathouse said bankers have called him offering to loan the district money at "excellent" rates of between 6 and 7 percent.

He specifically mentioned Boatmen's Bank in St. Louis.

"But I'd like to keep it in town," Greathouse said.

Pontoon moves step closer to lower tax

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

PONTOON BEACH — Reducing the utility tax for village residents moved one step closer last week when the Board of Trustees placed on first reading ordinances cutting the tax from 5 percent to 3 percent in the 1989-90 fiscal year.

If enacted, the measures would lower what residents now pay on electric, gas and telephone service bills.

"I hope that one year from today we can abolish it (utility tax) completely," said Louis Whitsell, chairman of the Utility Tax Committee. The committee was appointed by Mayor Glen Wilson to study ways of eliminating the tax, which, at the 5 percent level brings in \$80,000 annually.

A key to abolishing the utility tax was an accompanying ordinance setting down new licensing fees, mainly for wholesale,

trucking and excavating businesses, plus penalties for unlicensed businesses or non-payment of annual fees.

The license ordinance also was placed on first reading when it was noted that some businesses were not included on the list.

Trustee Don Rea asked how the committee arrived at the amount set for license fees and whether businesses which combine retail and wholesale sales have been taken into consideration.

All the board (trustees) sat for three or four hours to discuss the fees," Whitsell replied.

"We've added a few, but most remain about the same."

"A combined 'quick shop' and service station now will require two licenses, maybe three to sell cigarettes," he said.

"I am pleasantly surprised at the cost of the licenses after what I heard you say about fees at our meeting," Rea said.

"I was just illustrating what

some licenses cost in other areas," Whitsell said. He was not proposing high fees for village businesses — such as charged in St. Louis County and elsewhere — when he made a comparison at an earlier meeting, he said.

Under the proposed ordinance, wholesale firms including beer distributors, and food and beauty supply firms would pay an annual \$225 license fee.

Trucking and excavating companies would be licensed at \$100 per year, the same fee to be charged for organized sports activities.

Jukeboxes and other music devices would be charged \$25 per machine annually, rather than \$10, and skating rink licenses would rise from \$50 a year to \$100.

Most retail businesses would remain at \$75 annually and garbage collectors would pay a fee of \$100 per year.

Fines set in the new ordinances for violating license provisions range from a minimum of \$25 to a maximum of \$500.

The third and all subsequent convictions within any 12-month period could result in further fines and imprisonment for a

period not exceeding six months.

Fraudulent misrepresentation on an application for a license, or failure of the licensee to pay any charge owed to the village could result in the suspension or revocation of a license, the ordinance states.

Refusal to permit an inspection or sampling, or interference with an authorized municipal officer performing an inspection also would be grounds for revocation.

An appeal process and hearing prior to license revocation are specified in the proposed law.

No firms in the village store or handle hazardous chemicals or explosives but such a company would face the highest fee of \$500 a year.

Next in line on the licensing scale are junk yards and fortune tellers, clairvoyants and palmists at \$300 yearly.

The village no longer has any fortune tellers or junk yards, an official said.

POW-MIA flag will fly on grounds of Capitol

SPRINGFIELD — Secretary of State Jim Edgar has invited the public to a special ceremony Sunday, April 9, for the dedication of a POW-MIA flag that will be flown permanently on the State Capitol grounds.

The flag-raising ceremony, which will feature a flyover tribute to prisoners of war and missing in action by a unit of F-4 Phantom jets, will be held at noon.

Edgar said he has ordered the POW-MIA flag to be flown at the new State Capitol Viewers' Complex until all U.S. servicemen listed as missing or still held in Southeast Asia are returned.

April 9 has been proclaimed

POW-MIA Day in Illinois.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the 103 Illinois servicemen who have never returned from Vietnam," Edgar said.

"It is my hope that this flag will serve as a proud symbol of their bravery and courage given to protect our freedom. Let it also fly in constant vigil until they come home. We shall not forget them."

The new Capitol Complex Visitors' Center, which is just west of the Capitol Building, was opened in 1988. An estimated 500,000 tourists and school children will pass through the center each year.

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Five Star group going to Canada

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Riverboat librarian to speak

The Friends of the Granite City Public Library will begin celebrating National Library Week, April 9-15, with its annual General Membership meeting featuring speaker James "Lonesome Jim" Heaton at 2 p.m. April 9 at the Granite City Branch Library, 2145 Johnson Road.

The meeting will be open to the public. Heaton, a librarian at the Melvin Price Support Center, provides towboat crews working on the Mississippi River with reading material to help them pass time on the river. Heaton's unique service of lowering paperback books and magazines down to the boats using a mop bucket and clothesline has made him nationally known. Heaton was dubbed "The Johnnie Appleseed of the Printed Word" by CBS Television reporter Charles Osgood.

Heaton will share some of his experiences as a riverboat librarian and will show a video depicting aspects of his work.

Following Heaton's speech, there will be an election of officers for the coming year. Refreshments will be served.

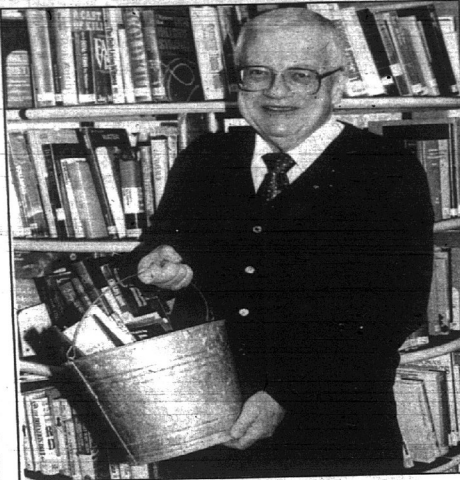
Retired employees shifting meetings

Chapter 1067 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees met at the Officers' Club at the Melvin Price Support Center, Granite City. There were 89 in attendance including Lorman P. Whelton of Cottage Hills, Illinois state vice president of NARFE District No. 1.

NARFE formally met at Charlie's but had to find a new place to meet when Charlie's closed. A motion was passed to have meetings at the Officers Club.

President Ruth Stoyanoff called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. After lunch Vice President Gene Ross gave a short legislative report, and the Blue Shield mail order prescription program was discussed and members were reminded that significant savings can result by using this program.

The next meeting of NARFE will be at the Melvin Price Support Center, Officers Club April 10 at 11:30 a.m. Anyone wishing to join NARFE, or attend our meeting may call 931-2118 for information and reservations.



(Photo by Marvin McGee)

SPEAKER "LONESOME JIM" Heaton will share some of his experiences as a riverboat librarian at the general membership meeting of the Friends of the Granite City Public Library at 2 p.m. April 9 at the Branch Library, 2145 Johnson Road.

St. Louis has clinic

A St. Louis Senior Olympic Mini-Clinic will be held on Sunday, April 9, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Professional athletes and experts will perform demonstrations and coach participants in 20 sports and skills. The free annual mini-clinic will be held at the Jewish Community Centers Association, 2 Millstone Campus.

The free clinic will be divided into two afternoon sessions. The first sessions, 1 to 2:30 p.m., will feature football and softball throws, basketball events, swimming, table tennis, shuffleboard, racquetball, rope skipping, horseshoes, soccer kick and race walking (2 p.m.). From 3 to 4:30 p.m. bowling, volleyball, javelin, discus, shot put, golf, badminton, spincasting and orienteering (3 p.m.) are scheduled.

Exercise classes will be held

noon to 1 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays April 10 through May 26 at the JCCA. Fees will be \$5 for JCCA members and \$10 for non-members.

Participants in the exercise classes will have use of the physical fitness facilities at the JCCA during the duration of the class. Anyone over 55 is invited. The 10th annual St. Louis Senior Olympics will be held May 29 through June 1 at the JCCA and nearby sites. Entry blanks are available at Central Hardware, Barnes and Jewish Hospitals, McDonald's, Wehrenberg Theaters, National Supermarkets, all YMCA locations and various banks and savings and loans throughout the St. Louis area. The games are open to anyone 55 and over.

For additional information, call (314) 432-5705.

Asking for help sometimes difficult for older adults

The following column is by Catherine Mauck, adviser with the University of Illinois Extension.

Most older adults live independent lives without a lot of help from friends or family members. But everyone needs help at some time and older adults are no exception.

There are two ways to ask for help. The fair way is to make a request, rather than a demand. The unfair way is to try to make the person feel guilty for not offering more help.

Most people are happy to help older friends and relatives, but younger and middle-aged persons often have busy schedules that can't be changed easily.

Be sure to ask for help at the other person's convenience as well as your own. If you have a job that will take an hour, it's best to say so up front. Asking for 15 minutes' worth of help and then keeping your helper for an hour more — isn't very fair if you knew all along that the job was bigger than you made it out to be. Sure, there will be times when jobs take longer than planned. But it's best to make those times the exception rather than the rule.

Some older adults hesitate to ask for help. But there's no need to feel bad about asking for assistance. A lot of older persons are too stubborn or too proud. Sometimes, they wait for the younger person to make the first move, to offer help without being asked. People can't read minds, though. If you need to have a job done, you need to say so.

Approach the friend or family member with a brief description of what needs to be done. Be explicit and make a request rather than a demand. Don't try to make the person feel guilty if he or she can't accommodate you immediately. That creates resentment that will likely carry over into other areas of your friendship.

If the person agrees to do the job, the two of you need to work out a time when it can be convenient. In all likelihood, the helper will do the work at

the first convenient opportunity. Non-emergency jobs may have to wait a couple of days or may be even a couple of weeks if the person has a busy schedule.

In most cases, that's OK. Sure, it would be nice to get the screen door fixed today, but it's not a life-threatening problem, and you can probably manage until your helper can do the job for you.

Older persons who need rides to the doctor's office, beauty shop and so on should coordinate their schedules with the driver before making or changing any appointments.

It's just not fair to make an appointment and then call the driver and say "I hope that's all right." It's NOT all right! Remember your help has their own life to live, with obligations and commitments every day of the week.

To avoid conflicts, ask for help as far in advance as possible. That way, you won't have to feel guilty about asking on short notice, and the helper won't have to say "no."

Older adults who do not live near younger friends and relatives may have a harder time getting the help they need for odd jobs, errands and other tasks.

School guidance counselors and/or members of the clergy may be able to provide the names of people who are willing to help older members of the community. Some church groups may offer their services on a volunteer basis. If you can afford to pay a little, enterprising youngsters may be looking for odd jobs to do after school or on weekends.

Regardless of where you live, you can probably find help for almost any task you need to have done. We all need help from time to time, and there's no shame in asking for a hand when you need it. Whether that "helping hand" belongs to friends, relatives or community agencies, be fair and flexible in asking for it. If you keep that in mind, you'll be surprised how many people usually respond positively.



LET ME CALL YOU SWEETHEART: The Granite City Council of Seniors held a Sweetheart Dance in February at the Granite City Township Hall. About 200 seniors attended the dance, where Dorothy Ely was crowned queen and Frank Buchanan the king.

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Library donations sought

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

PONTIAC BEACH — The idea of a free public library for residents has met with very positive response, trustees learned last week.

"We've had a great deal of response and offers of donations," said Alice Lucas.

Lucas was appointed to the village's first Library Board by Mayor Glen Wilson after she proposed the idea and researched ways to establish a library.

"Two professional librarians have offered us their help to get started," Lucas said. "But, it is important that we all get in and help."

Boxes for the collection of donated books are being located at several businesses in the village, Lucas said.

Collection boxes so far are located in the foyer at Lakeview Restaurant, House Restaurant, A & J Market, Huck's Convenience Store and the 76 Service Station.

Donors having books, equipment or supplies they wish to have picked up may call Village Clerk Mary Warren or Deputy Clerk Mary Rowden at 931-0708, leaving their names, addresses and phone numbers.

Boy Scouts in Pontoon Beach have offered to collect books for the library.

Cash donations also are needed for the initial processing of materials such as labeling and cataloging, Lucas said. She estimated about \$225 will be needed to start the initial processing work.

The Library Board will accept donations of cash or checks with a donor asked to designate whether the contribution should go to the library operating fund or building fund, Lucas said.

All donations whether books, books, equipment or supplies will be acknowledged, she said. Receipts for tax purposes will be given upon request, Lucas said.

Checks should be made payable to Pontoon Beach Village Library and mailed to Treasurer

Judy Merritt, c/o Pontoon Beach Village Hall, 3910 Illinois 111, Pontoon Beach, Ill. 62060.

"The main thing that we will need is a facility," Lucas said. "So far we have no concrete offers, but we hope you will help us find a place for the library," she said to the trustees and others at the meeting.

"We have many people telling us they're ready to help," Lucas said.

Support from businesses and fraternal organizations also will be sought, she said.

At some point in the future, the board will apply for state grants and for Build Illinois funds for the library, Lucas said.

At a recent meeting of the Library Board, Robbie Wilson was elected chairman, Merritt was named treasurer and Lucas was elected secretary.

Trustees on March 14 authorized creation of a free library which will be established and maintained by the village without any additional tax levy for that purpose.

Earthquake Awareness Week set

Gov. James R. Thompson has proclaimed April 1-7 as "Earthquake Awareness Week" in Illinois in an effort to increase understanding of the state's earthquake potential and to encourage preparations against earthquake damage.

"Because Illinois has a realistic threat of earthquakes due to several seismic fault systems, I strongly urge all citizens to learn earthquake safety procedures to protect themselves," Thompson said.

According to the Illinois State Geological Survey, Illinois is considered to be at risk from earthquakes due to its close proximity to the New Madrid Fault and also because of several active faults that run through the state.

One of the worst earthquakes in recorded history occurred along the New Madrid Fault, extending from south of Illinois in the foothills of Missouri to east-central Arkansas during the winter of 1811-1812. Four separate earthquakes shook the region violently and were felt in over 2 million square miles.

Geologists predict that such an earthquake could occur again, although the probability of such an event occurring in the next few years is very low.

Other fault zones in Illinois also can produce damaging earthquakes. The June 1987 earthquake, epicentered near Lawrenceville, measured 5.0 on the Richter Scale and was felt in

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Gov. James R. Thompson

18 midwestern states and Canada. Mostly minor damage was reported.

"While we cannot predict the exact date of such an event, we can plan ahead to reduce unnecessary injury or property damage by taking a few simple precautions," Thompson said.

Some precautions include:

- Before an earthquake —
- Fasten, secure, and brace objects such as appliances (water heaters, stoves, and other shelves, filing cabinets, and water or gas pipes.
- Be sure each home has a fire extinguisher and smoke alarm.
- Maintain a properly equipped first-aid kit.
- Organize and practice a family emergency plan.
- During an earthquake — If inside a building:
 - Take cover under heavy furniture or in a doorway.

• Avoid large open rooms with open-spaces ceilings, large windows, and rooms with lots of fixtures or furniture.

If outdoors:

- Try to move away from buildings, especially those with masonry or glass outer walls.
- Avoid trees and utility lines, which may fall or snap.
- If in your automobile:
 - Try to stop in a safe place and stay in the car.
 - After the earthquake —
 - Buildings in danger of collapse may need to be evacuated quickly.
 - Gas and electric service to a building should be turned off.

Anyone may obtain information on earthquakes by contacting their local ESDA (Emergency Services and Disaster Agency), the ESDA in Springfield, or the Illinois State Geological Survey in Champaign.

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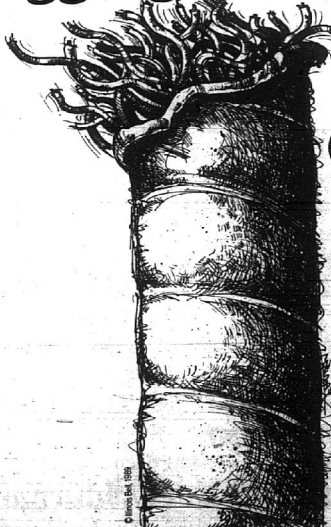
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Help for taxpayers during April panic

The annual April countdown for taxpayers is about to begin. But help is available from the Illinois Department of Revenue, which has again extended its hours to help last-minute filers.

People who need assistance with their state income returns can call a toll-free phone number, 1-800-732-8866, or visit any Department of Revenue office. The tax deadline this year is April 17, because the normal April 15 deadline falls on a Saturday.

Tax specialists will be available on the toll-free line as follows: April 5-7, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; April 10-14, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; April 15 (Saturday), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and April 17, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tax form checkoffs

offer four alternatives

Illinois taxpayers who haven't filed their state tax returns still have the opportunity to donate to checkoffs on the tax form, according to state Revenue Director Roger D. Sweet.

Last year, checkoffs raised \$833,664 for the causes on the return at the time. Non-Game Wildlife, Child Abuse Prevention, Alzheimer's Disease Research, U.S. Olympics and Aid to the Blind, Sweet said. Up to \$10 can be contributed from tax refunds.

This year, the U.S. Olympics and Aid to the Blind were discontinued and the Heritage Preservation Fund has been added, although some computer-generated copies of the 11-1040 incorrectly retain the Assistance to the Blind checkoff.

Professional Care

home fined by state

The Illinois Department of Public Health has levied a \$3,000 fine against Professional Care, a 149-bed intermediate-care facility in Troy.

The state also has taken steps to revoke the nursing home's license for failing to correct numerous violations cited in September during an annual licensure survey. The violations involved failure to provide residents with required training and habilitation services, lack of qualified personnel, and not maintaining appropriate patient records. The facility has requested a hearing on the department's actions.

Geological trips

set for April, May

Geology, mineral resources and environmental settings will be explored on the geological science field trips to be held by the Illinois State Geological Survey on April 15 in the Newton area, Jasper County, and May 20 in the Savanna area, Carroll County.

Open to everyone, these free expeditions, from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m., require comfortable clothing, walking shoes, a hard hat, if possible, bag lunch and transportation. Drivers should begin trips with a full tank of fuel and school buses will be limited to a 12,000-pound capacity. Those who wish additional information regarding field trips should contact the Illinois State Geological Survey, 615 E. Peabody Drive, Champaign, Ill. 61820, or call (217) 333-4747.

Agricultural event

for young people

Sophomores, juniors and seniors in high school can invest in an opportunity for young leaders by participating in the 1989 Illinois Agricultural Youth Institute June 19-22 in Springfield.

The event is designed to inform youth about career opportunities in the field of agriculture. Topics will include hydroponics, new products being developed from corn and soybeans, advice from livestock experts, environmental issues, marketing, and hands-on experience. Those who wish further information or want an application should write to the Illinois Agricultural Youth Institute, State Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 19281, Springfield, Ill. 62794-9281, or call (217) 782-2172.

Health Department

aids pregnant women

The Illinois Department of Public Health reminds pregnant women that a special program is available to low-income mothers to help them obtain foods they and their children need to reduce health problems associated with poor nutrition.

The program, called Women, Infants and Children (WIC), assures that eligible women and children receive, free, foods that are high in protein, iron, calcium and vitamins A and C, such as milk, eggs, cereals, juices, infant formula, dried beans and peas, and peanut butter. Those who are interested should call toll-free 1-800-572-3270.

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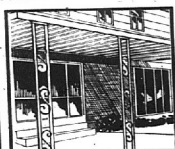
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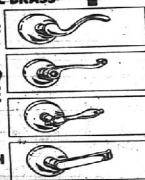
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Kids

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Why they're upset and have less control over their emotions.

One example, Tolhurst says, is "Johnny" (not his real name), the red-haired boy who, having abandoned his word list, quietly reads a "Garfield the Cat" book.

"He's having a really good day," Tolhurst said. "On other days, Johnny will throw everything out of his desk (sometimes even throwing the desk), and break crayons or anything else that crosses his path."

The boy's parents recently divorced and his mother suffered a nervous breakdown.

Not all BD kids come from dysfunctional or broken homes but the majority are male children from low-income families, Bales said.

"We get kids from all walks of life," Page said. "We have kids who have blue collar and white collar workers for fathers and we've got kids with no father at all."

"Page related a story in which one father brought his son to school, opened the door to Page's room and physically threw the boy inside. 'Take care of him,' the man said and left."

Fire

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In addition to the church, school and large gymnasium, the fire also engulfed an attached apartment building that the church was renovating for its own use, Hunt said.

Others with links to the church reacted with shock upon arrival yesterday morning. The Rev. Don Clark, a former principal, a founder of the school and for

"The door opened and this kid just flew into the room and hit the floor," Page recalled. "This is how the day starts out."

Regarding the kids' backgrounds, the children all have problems with self-esteem. For this reason, a BD classroom focuses on positive reinforcement.

"If they're good, you've got to tell them that or give them something that says it," Page said. "And if they're not, you have to do the same thing."

Barry Schroeder also teaches a class of 9- to 14-year-olds. Schroeder said that the children aren't really different from others.

"They're just like anybody else except they have more bad days than good days," Schroeder said. He emphasized that some children's behavior is the result of some form of neglect.

"It's really hard when you've got a kid at 8:30 a.m. who keeps asking when he can go home," Schroeder says, "because you know they haven't had anything to eat since lunch the day before."

"The most common words in a BD classroom are 'Please sit down' or some variation of that phrase with or without the formalities."

"It seems like a trivial thing,

but even making them stay in their seats is a behavior that has to be reinforced," Page said.

Sometimes it's the teacher, their counselor and their dad." Tolhurst agrees that the job requires a completely different mindset from regular teaching.

"You have to remember that you're not teaching kids to go to college," Tolhurst said. "Most of the kids I've got, I'm just thankful they got up and came to school."

Some of the children suffer from both learning and behavioral disorders, Tolhurst said. Sometimes one condition is a direct result of the other.

"You could have a kid that is so frustrated that he can't do something, that he gets angry and throws tantrums," Tolhurst said.

"This disrupts his learning as well as that of any other children in the room. Once their behavior is in order, you can get on the learning disability."

Tolhurst also owns the Carousel Nursery School on Johnson Road where she said she sees children younger than those in her class at Wilson School that should be there.

Tolhurst said her entire Wilson

class can read and that some of the children would qualify as "gifted."

Page said that about one third of his class does above-average work and Schroeder tells of exceptional students as well.

"These kids just have to really be pushed," Schroeder said. "They are not in here to just sit and vegetate — they are here to learn."

Bales said about 30 percent of these children will graduate from high school.

"Some are able to return to regular classrooms," Bales said. "Some will go on to other special programs."

Those programs include similar ones at Coolidge Junior High and at Granite City High School, and outside agencies including the Educational Therapy Center, Alton Catholic Children's Home and Edgemont Child Center.

"Our area is very rich in special programming," Bales said. A new program which would provide shelter at St. Elizabeth Medical Center is being discussed.

Bales said that the controversy surrounding the Educational Therapy Center's proposed move from Lake School to Louis Baer

School in Madison is simply a product of NIMBY (not in my back yard).

"It's really ironic because some of the kids are there (in Madison) anyway," Bales said. "At least when they're in school you know where they are. The thing to think about is where they are the rest of the time."

Tolhurst has worked with several ETC students. "They're young adults having a lot of problems," she said. "They're not the horrible criminals that everyone keeps saying they are."

Many of them have been placed in the programs too late to undo the damage, Bales said.

Bales said there are a number of behaviors in young children that may indicate a problem. They include: chronic crying or

excessive poor eating and/or sleeping habits; constant motion; and in some cases, bed-wetting.

She suggests that parents with children experiencing these problems contact school social workers or psychologists or other local mental health services.

"Identifying the problem is half the battle," Bales said.

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In addition to the pastor, superintendent and Principal Donald Wilson, the church and school also employ three full-time workers and several part-timers, Rev. Hunt said.

Anyone wishing to help the congregation can contact Hunt at 875-2916.

Moody's also announced that the company's securities would remain under review for possible further downgrading.

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Obituaries

Chase

George M. Chase of Fond du Lac, Wis., formerly of Granite City, died in a Fond du Lac hospital at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 30, 1989. He had been ill three years.

Mr. Chase resided 22 years in Granite City before moving to Wisconsin in 1979. He was of the Protestant faith.

Prior to retiring, Mr. Chase was employed 22 years as a 7-15 p.m. shift supervisor at the local A.O. Smith Corp. plant.

He was born in Fond du Lac and was a U.S. Army veteran.

Among the survivors are four sons, Jeffery Chase of Granite City, Terrie Chase of Miami, Fla., and Ralph and Randy Lee Chase, both of Milwaukee; a daughter, Lynn Marie Powers of Milwaukee; two sisters, Pat Perry of Fond du Lac and Bernice Frank of Oregon, Mich.; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

His remains were cremated and will be buried Wednesday at the National Cemetery, Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Van Scoyk

Maebell (Virden) Van Scoyk, 88, of Pontoon Beach was pronounced dead at her home at 7:15 p.m. Saturday, April 1, 1989, by Madison County Deputy Coroner Edward Werner. She had been in ill health for three years.

Mrs. Van Scoyk was born July 5, 1930, in Hemet, Calif., and had lived in Pontoon Beach for 41 years.

She worked from 1969 to 1974 at Glick's Store in Granite City and was a member and former Bible school teacher of the Pontoon Beach Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Edward, one daughter, Mrs. Mike (Kimberly) Pritchard of Granite City, three sons, Richard Van Scoyk of Pontoon Beach and Edward and Daniel Van Scoyk, both of Bristol, Pa.; one brother, Jim Virden of Graner's Pass, Ore.; two sisters, Christine Buckley of San Jose, Calif., and Faye Ellis of San Francisco, and grandchildren.

Visitation was held Monday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Pontoon Beach Church of Christ, with the Rev. Dean Guyon officiating. Burial was at Lake View Memorial Gardens in Belleville.

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Durer

James F. Durer, 38, of Edwardsville died at 8:32 p.m. Saturday, April 1, 1989, at his home. He had been ill for six months.

Mr. Durer was born in Venice and lived in Edwardsville for many years. He was employed as a pipefitter for Union Electric Co. and had worked the past eight years at the local A.O. Smith Corp. plant.

He was a member of Mother of Perpetual Help Church in Maryville.

Survivors include his wife, Patty L. (Soucek) Durer; one son, James F. Durer Jr. of Arrow Smith, Ill.; two daughters, Mrs. Joseph (Rita) Moysa of Fairview Heights and Mrs. John (Donna) Svoboda of Edwardsville; one brother, John A. Durer of Edwardsville; and six grandchildren.

Visitation was held Tuesday from 4 to 9 p.m. at Mater Funeral Home, 210 N. LaSalle in Edwardsville, with recitation of the Rosary at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today (Wednesday) at Mother of Perpetual Help Church, 200 N. Lang Ave., Maryville, with the Rev. Maurice Quiglian officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Pontoon Beach Church of Christ, with the Rev. Dean Guyon officiating. Burial was at Lake View Memorial Gardens in Belleville.

Hendricks

Dale F. Hendricks, 54, of Collinsville died at 6:10 a.m. Monday, April 3, 1989, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. He had been hospitalized for several weeks and ill several months.

Born June 20, 1934, in Collinsville, Mr. Hendricks was a lifelong resident of Collinsville. The owner and operator of Dale Hendricks Plumbing in Collinsville, he worked in the Quad City area for many years.

He was a member of the Southwestern Illinois Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Construction Association, 365 Plumber's Local 360 in East St. Louis and Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Mr. Hendricks was survived by his wife, one son, two daughters, his mother, one brother, one sister and five grandchildren.

Visitation was held after 4 p.m. Tuesday at Herr Funeral Home, 501 W. Main St., Collinsville. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today (Wednesday) at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 304 South St., Collinsville. Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery in Collinsville.

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Ford

Vendella Ford, 56, of 1212 Market St., Venice, died Saturday, April 1, 1989, at 9:16 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

Mrs. Ford was born May 27, 1930, in Forest City, Ark., and had been a resident of the Metro East area since 1949. She was formerly employed as a cashier for Famous-Barr Department Stores for 15 years.

She was a member of the Southern Baptist Church of Madison.

She is survived by her husband, Basil Ford Sr., of Venice; two sons, Bruce Ford Jr. of Madison and Vann Edward Ford of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; one daughter, Mrs. Wendell Thomas of St. Louis County; one brother, Alpheus D. Peoples of Richland, Wash.; three sisters, Mrs. Vera Pryor of Venice, Mo.; two sisters, both of Forest City, and Mrs. Elois Lyons of Thompson, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

A wake service will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Southern Missionary Baptist Church, 921 Bissell St., Madison, where funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 12:30 p.m. by the Rev. William West and the Rev. A.G. Williams. Visitation will be held at the Office of Funerals, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis, Friday from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Burial will be at Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Pontoon Beach Church of Christ, with the Rev. Dean Guyon officiating. Burial was at Lake View Memorial Gardens in Belleville.

Guenther

Pearl (Gosnell) Pomeroy Guenther, 79, of Granite City died at 7:21 p.m. Saturday, April 1, 1989, in the emergency room of St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She had been in ill health for five years.

Born in Winona, Mo., on July 19, 1909, she had lived in Granite City for 56 years. She was employed as a machine operator for 23 years with National Enameling and Stamping Co., was of the Protestant faith and was a member of the Eastern Star and White Shrine.

Preceding her in death were her first husband, Arthur Pomeroy, and her son, Ivan Pomeroy, who died in 1978.

Survivors include her husband, Liburn Guenther; one brother, O'Connell Guenther, Mo.; two sisters, Myrtle Yaeger of Van Buren, Mo., and Nellie Sharp of Madison, Mo.; and three grandchildren.

Visitation was held Monday at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2301 Madison Ave., where funeral services were conducted Tuesday by the Rev. Aracido Hale. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates near Edwardsville.

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Illinois Power Co.

is initiating a cost-cutting program designed to permanently reduce the utility operating costs by about \$30 million a year.

The cost-cutting program is an effort by the utility to permanently lower its operating costs and remain competitive with its electric and gas services.

Additionally, the company is facing severe financial problems as a result of an adverse rate order issued last week by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

The company's cutbacks include:

•Eliminating 500 to 600 jobs. The reduction will trim the company's work force to about 4,200 employees. The reduction in force will impact employees at all of the company's generating stations, including the Clinton nuclear power station at the headquarters staff in Decatur and at the company's customer service centers.

•Closing and consolidating offices. Illinois Power will close three bin payment offices, electric and gas service operations in 10 other communities will be consolidated with those at nearby service area centers.

The company will close bill payment offices within 30 days

of the order. The company will file an appeal with the ICC requesting a rehearing on a rate order issued by the regulatory panel on March 30. If the request for the rehearing is denied, the company will appeal the order to the courts.

Last week's ICC order would have a "devastating" financial impact on the company, according to Kelley.

During the course of this rate proceeding, the company's common stock has dropped more than 10 points, or in excess of 40 percent.

Within two hours after the ICC issued its order last week, Moody's Investors Service downgraded the company's securities — marking the third downgrading of the company's securities by the investor service in the past year.

Moody's also announced that the company's securities would remain under review for possible further downgrading.

Keiley said the company's financial staff is continuing to analyze the full impact of the ICC order and said he plans to discuss the company's common stock dividend with the board of directors next week.

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Arson possible in Angela Drive fire

By Andy Siering

Staff writer

NAMEOKI — The Madison County Sheriff's Department is investigating the possibility of arson in a fire that caused \$12,000 damage late Friday night to a house at 2715 Angela Drive.

Danny Kreher, chief of the Long Lake Fire Department, said there was no indication of arson in the fire, but the sheriff's department was treating it as a suspicious fire, following rumors of a feud between minors in the neighborhood.

"We checked for flammable liquids and couldn't find any," Kreher said.

The house belongs to Ron L. and Shirley Cooper. Nobody was home and the house was locked when the fire broke out some

time after 11 p.m. Firemen responded after receiving a phone call from a neighbor of Cooper's at 11:24 p.m. The fire was under control by midnight, Kreher said.

Kreher said the fire started in the attached garage and spread to the house's attic. The damage was largely confined to those portions of the structure, he said.

A spokesman for the sheriff's department said there were no witnesses to the fire's start and as a result no concrete further information to say, "Some names popped up. We're trying to follow any lead."

There were three other small fires in the neighborhood in recent weeks, but Kreher said the causes of those were known and they were not of suspicious origin.

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Shrinking health care access to be topic of ISMS meeting

Four hundred physician leaders of the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) will gather in Chicago April 7-9 to debate public health issues ranging from the growing crisis in health care access to levying new taxes on alcoholic beverages.

The annual House of Delegates meeting, which brings together doctors representing every part of the state, is the official policymaking body of the Society's 18,000 Illinois physician members.

ISMS physician delegates will also hear political analysts discuss health care priorities of the Bush Administration and how those policies will affect Illinois physicians and patients. Robert Teeter, political pollster and campaign strategist who most recently served in the Bush presidential campaign, will speak Friday, April 7, at 10 a.m.

On Saturday at 10 a.m., political columnist and former White House communications director Patrick Buchanan will speak at the ISMS House. U.S. Richard Durbin of Springfield will give the Democratic perspective at a public affairs breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

The 1989 House of Delegates will convene Friday morning at the Westin O'Hare Hotel, Rosemont, and continue through Sunday morning, April 9.

Among the 56 resolutions submitted by delegates are several highlighting Illinois' continuing health care access problems.

Two note the ongoing shortage of Medicaid funds and ask ISMS to encourage adequate reimbursement for hospitals, physicians and other health care providers. Physicians are currently reimbursed \$12.65 for an established patient's routine office visit.

Another resolution cites the "inappropriate use of emergency department facilities" for wasting already-tight Medicaid monies. It urges the Illinois Department of Public Aid to study a "potential authorization system" for those needing emergency room service, "such as that currently used by many HMOs."

From rural southern Illinois physicians — where 12 counties are reported to be without institutions and physicians to provide obstetrical delivery services — come a series of resolutions aimed at providing some relief.

One asks ISMS and the Illinois Department of Public Health "to develop definitions and guidelines for the establishment and financial support of certified birthing centers for low-risk obstetrics."

The resolution also recommends setting up prenatal care centers and transportation plans for patient transfer to birthing centers and to Level I, II or III hospitals for high-risk patients.

Another asks ISMS to work with state public health authorities to "define the duties and privileges of certified nurse-midwives whose services could be utilized under physician supervision in rural birthing centers."

Other key issues before physician delegates include: "A proposed state law prohibiting health insurance companies and other third-party payors from seeking or requiring patient medical information over the phone from physicians and hospitals. Medical providers worry that conveying information over the phone poses "serious ethical and legal problems in regard to patient confidentiality," since there is no way to verify the caller's actual identity."

"Reaffirmation of ISMS policy favoring the use of animals in medical research and education, with emphasis on treating such animals in a "humane fashion."


"Taxing alcoholic beverages "to fund the care of alcohol-related victims of highway trauma."

"A series of resolutions proposing restrictions on tobacco use and advertisements. One suggests that the U.S. surgeon general's warning on all tobacco packaging be printed in red. Another calls for large-print ads against the use of tobacco, to be run as part of all tobacco product advertising. Also proposed is a smoking ban in hospitals as a condition of accreditation."

"A potential plan for the conversion of abandoned rail lines "to recreational and historic trails" to promote exercise, stress reduction and the total health care of Illinois citizens."

At its final session, the Society will elect new officers to govern its membership for the coming year. Eugene P. Johnson, M.D., a family physician from Casey, Ill., will move up to the ISMS presidency.

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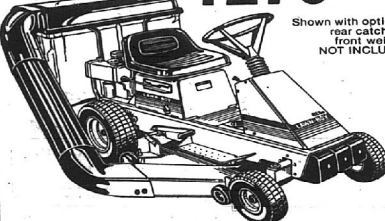
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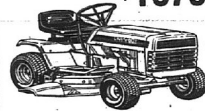


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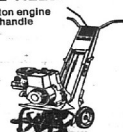
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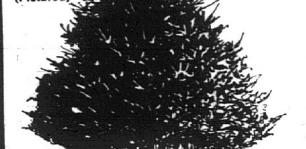
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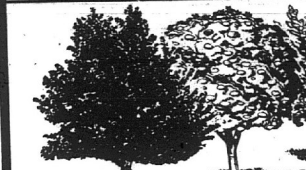
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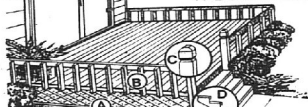
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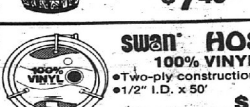
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Parks Airport plans to improve I-255 access

By Roger McGrath
Staff affiliate

CAHOKIA — St. Louis Downtown-Parks Airport officials are considering a plan that could lead to a new Interstate 255 exit at Moussette Lane, dramatically improving access to the Illinois airport and its business park, director John Roach said.

St. Clair County and the Village of Sauget are working on a plan to extend Curtis-Steinberg Drive from the airport, located in Cahokia, to I-255, Roach said.

"This is a major break-through," said R. Raleigh D'A-damo, outgoing executive director of the Bi-State Development Agency, which owns and operates Parks airport.

Bi-State executives maintain that better access from I-255 would attract more business to the airport and make it easier to market the airport's business park.

They consider the airport's lack of ready access from the

interstate highway so serious that they had weighed spending Bi-State funds to extend Curtis-Steinberg Drive to I-255, Roach said.

A diamond interchange where Moussette Lane crosses under the highway "will take about 10 minutes off" the drive to the airport, he said. It lies in an unincorporated part of St. Clair County.

It now takes drivers on I-255 about 15 minutes to reach the airport whether they exit at Missouri Avenue and then head north through East St. Louis to Curtis-Steinberg Drive or exit at Camp Jackson Road and then head north to the airport, Roach said.

He outlined the road-extension plan to Bi-State's development committee on March 29.

The Village of Sauget initiated the effort, which St. Clair County now has joined, Harold G. Baker Jr., Sauget attorney, wrote in a March 22 letter to Roach saying the county would build and

maintain the new road.

To help set the extension plan in motion, Bi-State needs permission from the Federal Aviation Administration, which paid for construction of Curtis-Steinberg Drive, to turn the roadway over to the county.

The development committee authorized Roach to seek FAA approval of the plan.

But the committee withheld approving the overall extension plan until the county or Sauget presents a site plan showing where the new road would run.

The Sauget plan calls for the new section of Curtis-Steinberg Drive to push north across a nearly mile-wide tract of farmland to an existing private road that intersects with Moussette Lane. Louis Mund, owner of the private roadway, has agreed to hand the road over to a government entity for any necessary improvement and maintenance, Roach said.

Right-of-way must be acquired

and other obstacles cleared before the plan becomes final, Roach said. The Illinois Department of Transportation has committed itself to design the I-255/Moussette interchange, he said.

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Section 89, created under the Tax Reform Act of 1986, requires that employers test their benefit plans for discrimination. And it would expand the number of people eligible for benefits.

Under the section, all employees working 17 1/2 hours or more a week would receive the same benefits as full-time workers.

"Statutory employee benefit plans" covered by the new IRS rule include health plans, accident plans, group-term life insurance, group legal service plans, educational assistance programs, dependent care assistance programs, employer-operated eating facilities, tuition reduction programs, and qualified employee discounts.

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Dancers and gingerbread people in the chorus were: Tiffany Craycraft, Andrea Davis, Eric Smith, Leanna Strueberg, Regi

2 from GC make honors at OCC

Oklahoma Christian College, Oklahoma City, has announced the names of 370 students who earned scholastic honors for the fall trimester.

The honor roll consists of students earning at least 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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Mrs. Gary Preloger of Granite City. At GC&S, she is active in the National Honor Society and Empathy and also serves as the president of Students Against Drunk Drivers (SADD). She has also been named to

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Singapore still Asian miracle

By Tom and Joanne O'Toole
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Most first-time visitors to Singapore are astounded by its economic success and the aura of vitality this island republic exudes. Located on the southern tip of Asia, between the Indian Ocean and the South China Sea, Singapore lies at the end of the Malaysian peninsula, 87 miles north of the equator.

Singapore is one island connected by causeway to Malaysia and 57 smaller islands. Although the sounds and signs of many languages fill the air, English is the most widely used language. Malay, Chinese and Tamil also are spoken.

With a tropical climate that varies little throughout the year, great shopping and a modern skyscraper skyline, Singapore is an Asian miracle.

Singapore has a reputation for cleanliness that borders on fanatic. Soon after arriving you will spot signs warning that a \$500 fine is imposed for littering of any kind — and they mean it. The city's broad, tree-lined boulevards and shopping areas are exceptionally clean, orderly and safe at all hours. In fact, at 2 a.m. streets still are brightly lit and alive with foot traffic.

The people of Singapore are famous for their festivals and their preoccupation with food. Diving choices are endless and very reasonable. There are numerous varieties of Chinese, Malay, Nonya (a unique blend of spicy Malay and Hokkien Chinese), Indian, Indonesian, Thai, Japanese and Continental foods, among others.

Some 25,000 food vendors have been gathered into about 200 large, modern centers that are inspected for cleanliness and with low overhead, they offer fantastic bargains. For \$5 to \$7 (American) per person, we ate all we wanted and washed it down with a cold beer. Two of the most popular centers are Newton Circus and Rasse Singapura.

Festivals are held throughout the year. There is Chinese New Year and the wildly colorful Chingay parade.

The government is very sup-

portive of these observances, and encourages the various nationalities and religious groups to keep up the unique events reflecting the customs of their homelands. Thus, there are many ethnic Singapore opportunities in Singapore.

Chinatown's narrow byways are crowded at all hours. It is best to stroll through by day, sampling a dim sum breakfast, admiring song birds in bamboo cages, and soaking in the unusual sights, sounds and smells. A trishaw tour is the way to sample the Chinatown night scene. The little three-wheel, open-air cabs seat two comfortably, and the fellow behind uses pedal power to get around. He thinks nothing of cutting through traffic and in front of oncoming cars. A 1½-hour tour costs about \$10, plus a tip (which will be demanded if you do not offer it).

Little India is a mass of tiny shops and stalls offering spices, tea blends, rugs, saris and gold jewelry. The smells of curry, powder, incense and jasmine perfume dance in the air as you wander about the crowded bazaar.

Arab Street is the Moslem sector, with shops specializing in basketware, brass, prayer rugs, money belts, white lace caps and even the Koran. The call to prayer sounds five times a day at the nearby golden-domed Sultan Mosque.

The Old Colonial Quarter, with its impressive white-pillared buildings, works itself around the open green of the Padang, down to the waterfront and along the Singapore River. The National Museum displays the magnificent 380-piece jade collection, and four times each day presents a 30-minute audio-visual history of the city.

There are other sights outside the city. West of town is Jurong and its famous bird park. Birds are highly prized in the Orient and many are exhibited in delicate cages above a lakeside dining area in the park. A walk

through the world's largest aviary and man-made waterfall lets you enjoy hundreds of other birds in free flight. The nearby Chinese and Japanese gardens are an oasis of ponds, greenery, statuary and peace, and are heavily patronized by the local folk.

North of town at the Mandai Orchid Gardens you can walk the shaded paths and take in some of the 3,000 species of orchids that are grown in Singapore and shipped worldwide. The Zoo Express picks up twice a day throughout the downtown and makes a short stop at Mandai Gardens.

Accommodations in Singapore are a bargain because of the overexpansion of the luxury hotel market; currently, the supply far exceeds the demand. Deluxe doubles range from about \$45 to \$130 (U.S.). The best prices are in Marina Square, Singapore's newly developed "city of the future." The only problem is that Marina is out from the center of things.

Because it is still a free port, you can buy many things duty-free. Gorgeous shopping malls abound, and when you tire there are department stores and smaller dealers.

The Singapore tourist board suggests you look for their emblem (a red Merlion; half lion, half fish tail) to be assured of honest, reliable merchants.

Prices are not as good as they used to be, but you can bargain with individual storekeepers or at the Singapore Handicraft Center. Do some comparison shopping and ask about discounts for better deals on antiques, electronic equipment, batik, Malaysian pewter, silk and jade.

Singapore a flourishing marketplace

Singapore once was a sleepy little fishing village called Temasek. It was renamed Singa Pura (lion city) in the 11th century by a visiting prince who saw an animal he believed to be a lion. By the 14th century the old settlement had been destroyed and reclaimed by jungle and swamp.

So it remained until the arrival of Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles in 1819. An official of the British East India Co., he recognized the importance of its natural harbor and strategic location, and claimed the island for Great Britain.

Except for the Japanese occupation during World War II, it has flourished as a marketplace ever since.

It progressed to self-government in 1955 and became an independent republic in 1965. The population of 2.5 million is a fascinating melange of Eastern cultures. Ethnic Chinese is by far the dominant heritage, but Malays, Indians, Pakistanis, and other smaller groups add to the texture and atmosphere of this colorful city.

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February ratings reanoint Channel 5

By Ian MacBryde
Staff affiliate

KSDK-TV (Channel 5) continues to be one of the most dominant stations in the country with a huge lead in audience for news, according to February ratings.

Nielsen and Arbitron show similar results. They are the two major services used by advertisers and stations as a guide to setting rates for buying and selling commercial time.

At the crucial news times — 5, 6 and 10 p.m. — Channel 5 continues to attract about as many viewers as the other two network affiliates combined, according to both services. During the lucrative 10 p.m. news slot, the station compiled a whopping 25-rating, which means 25 percent of the market were receiving the station, and a 42-share, meaning 42 percent of the sets actually in use at the time were tuned to Channel 5.

Almost all of the station's success seems to come at the expense of KTVI-TV (Channel 2). KMOV-TV (Channel 4) rolled along with fairly healthy numbers in second place, but Channel 2 continued its dreary performance with tiny shares of the market at 5 and 10 p.m., according to both services.

The only bright spot for Channel 2 is at least a mixed blessing — the relative success at 6 p.m. of "Gerald." "Gerald" replaced a local news broadcast in September. According to Nielsen, "Gerald" in February gained an ironically respectable rating of 9 and a 15 share. The station has renewed its rights to the show for 1989-90.

The continued lack of success for Channel 2 news is a bit of a surprise in light of its new anchor-team and who appears to be an improved news effort.

Meanwhile, Channel 2 is planning a significant breakthrough in local news by becoming the first network in St. Louis to introduce closed-captioning into its newscasts. Beginning in May, the station's newscast will begin the process by closed-captioning all news copy for anchors and reporters on the 10 p.m. news, according to a statement released by the station.

The process will be added to other newscasts as "the staff

becomes more proficient... with computer equipment," according to the statement.

The station claims there are 80,000 potential viewers in the St. Louis market who have some degree of impaired hearing. Use of closed-captioning has been discussed at the station since at least 1986, when Jon Petrovich was general manager, the statement said. Wayne Thomas now holds that job.

CBS stumbles, improves
Opening sessions of CBS coverage of the 64-team NCAA Basketball Championship was a disaster. The network was not even competitive to the high quality coverage ESPN gave the same event.

"The Road to the Final Four" was one long traffic jam as the network could not seem to treat the tournament as anything more than a series of basketball games which happened to be played simultaneously.

Where ESPN whisked the viewer from site to site as the tournament flowed across the country, CBS became bogged down in one-sided games and could not seem to give up on them.

Additionally, CBS analysts just are not as good as ESPN's, with the obvious exception of the incomparable Billy Packer, who probably is the best sports analyst on television.

Other than Packer, whom CBS buried at one site, Bill Raftery was the only guy who added much depth to the analysis. Raftery, of course, was an ESPN mainstay before CBS coverage kicked in.

Happily, CBS was doing better by the time the regionals began last weekend. But amazingly, the network still was behind in the use of instant replay and in its ability to communicate an "understanding" of the game to the viewer.

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Troupe pays homage to legendary Dunham

By Paul Harris
Staff affiliate

With an elaborate revival, "The Magic of Katherine Dunham," the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater is casting new light on pan-African music and movement, and the force that propelled it into the theatrical mainstream — Katherine Dunham.

Ailey, whose company is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, has repeatedly acknowledged Dunham's influence on his own work.

The Ailey company's "The Magic of Katherine Dunham" features 13 of Dunham's most famous works, created for her own dance company in the 1930s and '40s. These pieces, which are being presented on stage for the first time in 20 years, feature original choreography, music, sets and costumes.

Dance St. Louis will present the revue at 8 p.m. April 7 and 8 at the Kiel Opera House.

For some dancers currently in Ailey's company, exposure to Dunham technique has been a novel experience. This certainly has been the case for April Berry, one of Ailey's principal dancers in "The Magic of Katherine Dunham."

"I haven't had much Dunham technique," Berry said. "We had intense classes over a six-week period with Miss Dunham and her colleagues, before we started working on the project. Other than that, I had only taken a class here and there."

Inexperience notwithstanding, Berry decidedly captured Dunham's imagination during those rehearsals. The legendary choreographer and exponent of Caribbean culture assigned to Berry a

role in a dance titled "L'Ag Ya" that previously had been danced only by Dunham herself.

L'Ag Ya is a 1938 Dunham dance that takes its title from a Creole word meaning "to fight." In the leading role, Berry dances the story of a woman ensnared in a love triangle.

On the surface it is a conventional story, but in dramatic Dunham fashion it is exotic, undercurrent, and infused with mystical Caribbean trappings.

"There is a possession scene in which the young woman, Louise, is possessed by a form of voodoo, through a doll that is carried throughout the piece by the more sinister of the two male dancers," Berry said. "He puts her under a spell with this doll."

In a way, how Berry came by the role also is infused with mystery.

"I was very surprised to find out that she had wanted me for the role after only working with her for six weeks," Berry said.

"At the time I was working with her I was going through a lot of personal difficulties; my mother had passed away. And I think Miss Dunham is a very intuitive person in terms of what's going on around her."

"She picked up on the fact that I was very vulnerable at that point, and vulnerability was something she wanted to see created in this particular role," Berry said, training under Dunham encompassed experiences that were quite outside the mainstream of modern dance.

"Working with her and her people wasn't like studying technique," Berry said. "It was like you were studying a lifestyle. That whole feeling is very spe-

cial because you're immersed in a culture."

"She gave me several cowrie shells to wear at the time. They were just sea shells on a band that her drummer from New York wore. After he wore them she would give them to me to wear. I guess so we would exchange vibes and feel a part of each other."

Being an educated contemporary woman from New York, Berry at first didn't know what to make of the talismans. Dunham's occasionally ritualistic approach to teaching dancers seemed to run counter to the experiences of the young, classically trained artist.

"Being a serious person, I didn't laugh at it, but I thought it was kind of weird," Berry said. "When she insisted that I not take the shells off that I come in the next day with them on — I felt that I should do this for the process."

"In doing this I believe it did help me find myself. And I don't

believe in Haitian voodoo — I mean I don't study it. Of course she is a high priestess of voodoo in Haiti."

"I know she believes very deeply in these things, so I was not about to snub her in any way by making light of it."

As does Ailey, Berry believes that Dunham's influence on American theater — and dance in particular — has been profound.

"Dunham was a pioneer in modern American dance," Berry said. "Alvin had seen her long before he established his own company, and he was very much affected by her work. In doing 'The Magic of Katherine Dunham,' he wanted to pay tribute to someone who had shaped so much of his own dance."

Tickets for "The Magic of Katherine Dunham" range from \$12 to \$28 and are available through Ticketmaster (314-692-5000) or Dance St. Louis (314-968-3770).



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PEO Sisterhood elects officers

Mary Mullen recently hosted 20 members of Chapter KU, PEO Sisterhood, in her home. Also present was Suzanne Nasir of Alabama, formerly of Granite City.

Officers installed for 1989-1990 were: president, Barbara Houston, vice president; Melinda Nasir, recording secretary; Carol Davis, corresponding secretary; Helen Book, treasurer; Becky Jones, chaplain; Selma Nelson, guard; and Martha Delveski.

Houston was named the delegate to the 1989 state convention to be held at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale on June 2-4. Davis will be the alternate delegate.

Plans are being made by the Hospitality Committee for a BIL party on the Robert E. Lee on April 15, according to Sandie Palovich, chairman.

Members will attend the official workshop for local chapter officers to be held at the Collinsville Library on April 20.

Job's Daughters plans breakfast

Bethel 43 of the International Order of Job's Daughters, Granite City, will hold a pancake and sausage breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. April 9.

The cost will be \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children. Tickets can be purchased in advance from Cary Miller, Kathleen Off, Dale O'Bear or any Job's Daughter.

Tickets will also be sold at the door. Carryovers will be available. The event will take place at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard.

Scout committee reviews agenda

Cahokia Mound Council held its monthly district committee meeting on March 8 at the Scout office. Scott Rhine opened the meeting.

Pat Foote discussed the success of the District Pinewood Derby held on March 3.

Scout O'Rama was discussed. Marvin Wiedemer is the chairman. It will be held at St. Elizabeth's Church grounds from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 6.

Genevieve Hellrich discussed the success of the recent First Aid Meet. Trip participation was good. Plaques were awarded to winning units. Fred Mercer, Floyd Jordan and Charlotte Charbonnier were thanked for their help.

Jordan provided a camping report update. The Camporee will be held May 12-14. Friday night, May 12, will be the cross-over ceremony for Webelos into Boy Scouts. There will be the cross-over for Webelos into Boy Scouts. There will be four

Organizations

stations on Saturday along with a sample game. Prizes will be given to boys participating. The Camp Sunnen fee for summer camp will be \$65. After April 1, the fee was to be increased to \$75.

The membership report was given by Bill Monical. Plans are in progress to enroll approximately three new units in the district.

Family membership reached 82 percent of its goal. The SME Victory Party will be at the Granite City Township Hall at 7 p.m. March 29. Family SME cards and pledges can be turned in at this time.

Pasta cookery awaits HEA

"Pasta Cookery" will be demonstrated to the Home Extension Association at noon Tuesday, April 11, at the Nameoki Presbyterian Church, 1700 Pontoon Road.

Junior Service group gathers

The regular business meeting of the Madison Junior Service Club was held on March 14.

The theme for the evening was a luncheon provided by the sustaining members of the club: Rita Barnhart, Jean Bethel, June Boetting, Billie Bosworth, Fannie Fisk, Mary Moore, Marcella Obranovich, Irene Orr, Doris Paterson, DeLoeyce Rhoads, Janet Shultz, Dorothy Smith and the club's sponsor, Lillian Delp.

The meeting was called to order by President Jean Kostenski. The grocery drawing for \$100 was won by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brokaw. The proceeds went to help a needy family.

The club will sponsor the Mallinckrodt Mammogram Bus on April 29 at the Madison Recreation Center. Those who wish to make an appointment should call 877-3212. The charge is \$50.

Debbie Dillon won the 50/50 drawing.

Active members attending the meeting were: Kostenski, Sandy Barnett, Donna Hoover, Shabo, Donna Woodard, Debbie Dillon, Charlene Voloski-Turley, Carla Voloski, Barbara Vrabec, Gertie Ashford, June Reynolds, Mary Anna Kaminski, Karen Kaminski and Dianne Richert.

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The club voted to accept a new member, Cindy Hogan. She will join the club in its new year starting in September.

Next month's theme is "Campaign '89."

Senior citizens art contest courts safety

The Illinois Traffic Safety Leaders have announced that in cooperation with the National Safety Council's "Walk Alert" program, they are sponsoring an art competition for contestants 60 years of age and older who are residents.

According to Joanne Blair, Safety Leaders' president, older residents are more involved in accidents than any other segment of the population, with deaths being more likely to occur.

Prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 will be awarded, and winning art will be reproduced and circulated throughout the state. The deadline for submitting entries is June 15. Entry forms can be obtained by writing to Joanne E. Blair, ITSL president, Room 318, 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Ill. 62764, or by calling (217) 723-0883.



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Traditionally, curries are served with condiments such as chutney, shredded coconut, raisins and almonds. Curry powder itself is not hotly seasoned. This recipe adds a few more suggestions so guests can select from an exciting platter of taste treats. For a richer flavored sauce, serve the yogurt on the side as an optional condiment.

Golden pineapple chicken curry

- 1 can (20 oz.) pineapple chunks
- 2 lb. chicken breasts, boned, skinned, cut in cubes
- 2 tbsp. flour
- 2 tbsp. curry powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. ginger
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 tsp. butter or margarine
- 2 tbsp. oil
- 1 small onion, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, pressed
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 carton (8 oz.) vanilla yogurt (See Note)

Condiments: Chutney, sliced green onion, raisins, toasted coconut, toasted slivered almonds, chopped cilantro

Drain pineapple, reserving 1/2 cup juice.

In plastic bag, coat chicken

with mixture of flour, curry powder, salt, ginger and cinnamon. In large skillet, in two batches if necessary, brown chicken well in butter and oil. Add onion and garlic. Cook until onion is tender.

Add reserved juice and chicken broth. Continue cooking until mixture boils and begins to thicken.

Gradually blend in yogurt. Stir in pineapple.

Serve over rice with condiments.

Serves 6 to 8.

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- 12 large or 24 medium mushrooms
- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped pepperoni
- 1 cup pizza sauce
- 1/2 cup (2 oz.) shredded mozzarella cheese

Wash and dry mushrooms. Remove stems. Chop 1/4 cup stems.

Combine chopped mushrooms, green pepper, pepperoni and pizza sauce. Spoon mixture into mushroom caps. Top each mushroom with cheese.

Place on broiler pan. Broil 6 to 8 inches from heat until cheese is melted and mushrooms are heated through.

Microwave directions: Prepare stuffed mushrooms as above. Place half mushrooms on paper-towel lined microwave-safe plate. Cook on high 1 minute or until mushrooms are heated through and cheese is melted.

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Reheating marks strong plus in personality of microwave

By Sandra Hounson
Home economist

Reheating that second cup of coffee and yesterday's planned leftovers are probably the main functions of most microwave ovens. This is the method with which most new owners initiate a microwave oven, with other procedures following later.

Reheating is a natural use for a microwave oven. A cook is less likely to ruin leftovers, as opposed to chancing first-time cooking of expensive ingredients. It also allows double-batching of conventional cooking, with the explicit plan that the food will be reheated in a microwave another day; hence, it really is a planned-over.

A microwave is a sealed cooking container which, for the first cooking or the second heating, produces steam and moisture. It does not dry food like conventional oven heat does. One of its finest attributes garners compliments that leftovers do not taste like leftovers.

Bread, biscuits and rolls should be reheated a minimum amount of time on a paper towel or napkin. Fifteen to 30 seconds for as many as six muffins or rolls is sufficient time on high power. Too much time adds too much moisture and makes baked products hard or tough. The paper towel helps absorb the excess moisture.

Food items that were cooked initially to a crisp texture will not retain that crispiness in a microwave. The crispiness gives way to soggy.

Vegetables probably work best when reheating in a microwave. Just as they should be cooked in a small amount of water, so are they reheated in a small amount of water.

Lids for containers are left loosened and not closed tightly. By definition, to reheat is just that, to heat again. In a microwave food needs to be heated or warmed again, not cooked again. Reheating is usually done on medium (50 percent) power or less, whereas cooking is usually done on a higher power. With careful supervision, foods can be reheated on high, but the lower power setting gives more even heating to food.

When heating a plate containing different textures of foods, such as meat, vegetables and potatoes, try to have equal amounts of food, so that all food heats at the same time. Cover the plate with waxed paper to allow some steam escape. Save plastic wrap for primary cooking to seal in steam and thoroughly cook food.

Snacks can be re-crisped and freshened by placing in a non-metallic basket lined with paper towel for 15 to 60 seconds or until warm to the touch. No cover over the basket is necessary. For easy cleanup from messy barbecue sauce, dampen four hand towels or washcloths and place in a non-metallic basket or shallow dish. Microwave on high.

Broiled cheese melts

Cut a loaf of French bread in half lengthwise, then in quarters. Top with havarti cheese. Broil until cheese melts. Shake on one, or a combination of basil, oregano or thyme leaves, dill weed or Italian seasoning.

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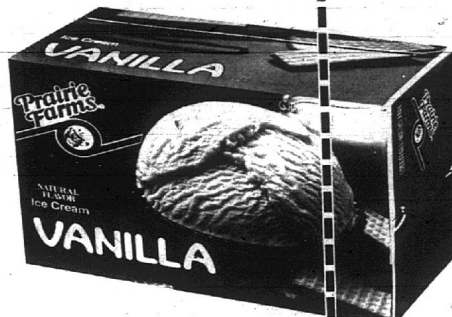
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These meal-in-a-bowl soup recipes showcase the savory, spicy flavors for which the Lone Star State is renowned.

Assertively seasoned with cumin and colorful as a serape, Chick 'N' Corn Soup combines chicken with bell pepper pieces, corn, onion and picante sauce. A generous sprinkling of cheese completes the soup.

Southwest Sausage Soup stretches a small amount of pork sausage with beans and bright vegetables. Oregano provides a lively flavor boost.

Chick 'n' corn soup

- 2 whole chicken breasts, boned, skinned, cut in 1/2 inch pieces
- 1 medium onion, cut in thin wedges
- 1 tsp. oil
- 2 tsp. cumin
- 2 cans (about 14 oz. each) chicken

- 1 1/2 cups (10 oz.) frozen whole kernel corn
- 1 cup picante sauce
- 1 small red bell pepper, cut in 1/2 inch pieces (1 cup)
- 1 small green bell pepper, cut in 1/2 inch pieces (1 cup)
- 2 tsp. cornstarch
- 2 tsp. water
- 1 1/2 cups (6 oz.) shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Cook chicken and onion in oil in large saucepan or Dutch oven until chicken loses its pink color. Sprinkle with cumin. Add broth, corn and picante sauce. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Simmer, covered, 15 minutes.

Stir in red and green pepper. Combine cornstarch and water. Stir into soup. Continue simmering, covered, 5 minutes.

Ladle in shallow soup bowls. Top with cheese. Serve with additional picante sauce.

Makes 6 to 8 servings, about 8 1/2 cups soup.

Southwest sausage soup

1 1/2 lb. bulk pork sausage

- 1 medium onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 can (16 oz.) tomatoes, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup picante sauce
- 1 medium baking potato, peeled, cut in 1/2 inch pieces (1 1/2 cups)
- 1 tsp. oregano
- 1 can (16 oz.) dark red kidney or pinto beans, rinsed, drained
- 1 medium green pepper, cut in short, thin strips (1 1/2 cups)

Crumble sausage in large saucepan or Dutch oven. Add onion. Cook over medium heat until sausage is browned. Drain.

Add tomatoes with juice, water, picante sauce, potato and oregano. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Cover. Simmer until potato is tender, about 20 minutes.

Add beans and green pepper. Continue simmering, covered, 5 minutes.

Ladle in soup bowls. Serve with additional picante sauce.

Makes 6 servings, about 7 1/2 cups soup.

Recipes

Dilly halibut

- 1 1/2 lb. halibut steaks, cut 1 inch thick
- 1/2 tsp. dill weed
- 1/2 tsp. chervil
- 1/2 lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 tsp. butter
- 1 cup white wine
- 1/2 cup light cream

Arrange fish in buttered shallow baking dish. Season with dill weed, chervil and salt.

In small skillet, saute mushrooms in butter. Stir in wine. Pour over fish. Bake in 400° oven 15 to 20 minutes or until fish flakes with fork. Remove fish to heated platter.

Add pan juices and cream to skillet. Heat until sauce thickens slightly. Do not boil.

Pour sauce over fish. Garnish with parsley and lemon wedges, if desired.

Makes 4 servings.

Fruited chicken scallops

- 2 tsp. butter or margarine
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 halves chicken breasts, skinned, boned, cut in chunks
- 1/2 lb. mushrooms, halved
- 1 tsp. tarragon
- 1 tsp. seasoned salt
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 tsp. flour
- 2 tsp. Dijon mustard

- 1 cup figs, halved
- 1/2 cup sliced green onions

Melt butter in 10-inch skillet. Stir in garlic. Add chicken, mushrooms, tarragon and seasoned salt. Cook until golden, about 5 minutes.

Combine cream, flour and mustard. Stir into skillet along with figs. Cook until thickened, about 2 minutes.

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Spicy island fish sauté

- 2 white fish fillets, such as orange roughy or sole (about 5 lb.)
- 1 lime
- 2 tsp. minced ginger root
- 1 tsp. minced cilantro
- Up to 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 2 firm, medium bananas, sliced
- 2 tbsp. butter or margarine

Arrange fish in shallow glass casserole dish. Squeeze juice from lime. Combine with garlic, ginger root, cilantro and cayenne.

enne. Pour over fish. Cover. Refrigerate 30 minutes to 1 hour. Cut bananas in half crosswise, then lengthwise to make 8 slices. In skillet, sauté bananas in butter until browned, shaking skillet. Put bananas on plate. Remove fish from marinade. Sauté fish in skillet 7 to 10 minutes, covering skillet. Turn once. Remove fish to serving plate. Arrange bananas with fish. Serves 2.

Tasty pork ragout

- 1/2 lb. boneless pork loin
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 large clove garlic, pressed
- 1/2 tsp. rosemary, crumbled
- 2 tbsp. butter or margarine
- Salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 head cauliflower, cut in florets (2 cups)
- 1 cup sliced carrots
- Hot buttered noodles

Cut pork in 1-inch cubes. In large skillet, brown pork with onion, garlic and rosemary in butter. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Stir in water. Cover. Simmer 20 minutes. Add cauliflower and carrots. Cover. Simmer 5 minutes longer or until vegetables are tender. Serve over noodles.

Broccoli side dish

- 4 tbl. butter or oleo
- 3 tbl. flour
- 1/4 lb. Velveta cheese, cubed
- Brick cheese (optional)
- 1 10-oz. box frozen chopped broccoli

- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 2 eggs beaten
- Melt butter. Stir in flour until melted. Add broccoli (prepared as directed on package), cottage

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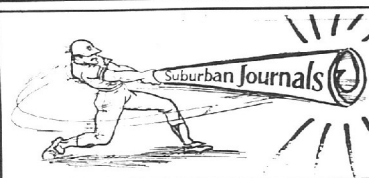
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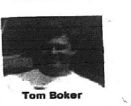


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(Staff photo by Dave Whaley)
SUZANNE STRACK controls the ball for the Lady Warriors.

The Lady Warriors finally found themselves in a game Saturday. Unfortunately, it was too much of a game for them to handle, but Gene Baker figures the experience was a good one. Granite City dropped a 2-0 decision to Oakville in the rain-delayed R-9 Tournament. It was a game originally scheduled for Friday. The Lady Warriors' other game in the tournament, originally slated for Saturday, was pushed back to Monday and then to this Saturday when more rain fell over the weekend.

"That was a very good team we played," Baker said of Oakville. "They were extremely aggressive, and I mean that in a good way."

Lori Burton scored both goals for Oakville. Her first one came on a penalty kick at the 23:00 mark after she was taken down by Becky Lupardus inside the penalty area.

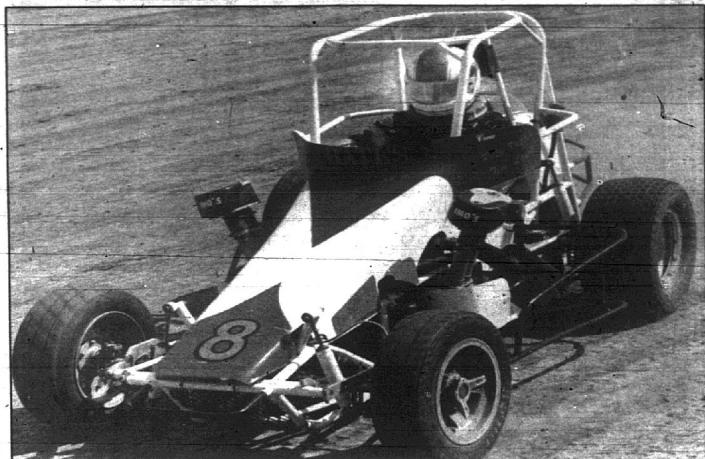
"I didn't think it was a very good call," Baker said. "They were both going for the ball and the girl went down. I don't know if it would have been called over here."

Burton scored again at the 50:00 mark as she got behind the defense and scored on a breakaway.

"They had very good team speed," Baker said. "I thought it was a good weekend for the girls to learn some things."

"The wind was a big factor for them in the first half," Baker said. Kelly Hearne picked up the shutout in the nets for Oakville, which will play Aquinas in the conclusion of the tournament Saturday while Granite City plays Mehlville. Mehlville beat Aquinas 2-1 in a tournament game Saturday.

Saturday's game is at Oakville. The Lady Warriors are scheduled to play at O'Fallon today at 4 p.m.



(Photo by Buddy Bortz)
OPEN HOUSE: The racing season is about to open at Tri-City Speedway. An open house was held on Saturday, and cars such as this one got in a few practice laps. The All Star Circuit of Champions will be in town this weekend and the regular program starts April 22.

Monday games washed away by rain

Long before the May flowers come those rainouts caused by the proverbial April showers.

Monday was another washed out day of inactivity on the local high school sports scene. The Warrior baseball game with Roxana was rained out and no makeup date has been

announced yet. Granite City's at 4 p.m.

hosts CBC in a double-header today at 4 p.m. The Warrior softball team's season opener with Wood River was also lost and will be made up in Wood River on Friday at 4 p.m. The Lady Warriors host Mascoutah in the new season opener today

at O'Fallon today at 4 p.m. The Lady Warrior soccer team will finish up the R-9 Tournament on Saturday at 6 p.m. against Mehlville at Oakville after Monday's game was washed out. Granite City plays at O'Fallon today at 4 p.m.

Warriors take 6th at Belleville East

By Scott Marlon

Staff affiliate
BELLEVILLE — Granite City took sixth place in Saturday's eight-team Belleville East Invitational with 68 points.

With all the events run in relay format, the Warriors won the varsity shot put and discus events. Granite City also had three seconds, one third and one fourth.

Despite winning only one event — the freshman-sophomore 4 x 800 relay — Belleville East won the eight-team meet with 131 points. Mount Vernon was second with 128 points. O'Fallon was third with 117.

Mount Vernon nearly caught up with East by winning eight events — the 4 x 1,600 relay, the 4 x 800 relay, the varsity and freshman-sophomore distance medley relays, the high jump, the freshman-sophomore 4 x 200 relay and both levels of the mile relay.

O'Fallon won three events — 4 x 110 high hurdles, the 4 x 70 freshman-sophomore high hurdles and the freshman-sophomore intermediate hurdles.

Placing fourth through eighth in the team standings were Hazelwood East (94), Edwardsville (92), Granite City (68), Cahokia (58) and Belleville West (54).

Team standings

Belleville East (68); 1st, Mount Vernon (128); 2nd, O'Fallon (117); 3rd, Hazelwood East (94); 4th, Edwardsville (92); 5th, Granite City (68); 6th, Cahokia (58); 7th, Belleville West (54).

Varsity events

4 x 1,600 RELAY: 1. MV (19:55.5); 2. O'F (20:30.7); 3. JW (20:51.4); 4. BE (22:07.1)

4 x 800 RELAY: 1. MV (12:15.0); 2. EDW (12:27.1); 3. BE (12:42.8); 4. BW (12:50.4)

LONG JUMP: 1. EDW (19:09.4); 2. BE (18:04.3); 3. CAH (17:56.4); 4. O'F (17:49.4)

4 x 100 RELAY: 1. BE (44.3); 2. MV (44.8); 3. BE (44.8); 4. CAH (45.2)

500 YD HURDLES: 1. O'F (1:06.0); 2. MV (1:06.2); 3. BE (1:06.3); 4. O'F (1:10.3)

SHOT PUT: 1. GC (164.34); 2. O'F (165.93); 3. BE (164.24); 4. EDW (158.10)

DISCUS: 1. GC (409.9); 2. EDW (405.11); 3. BE (402.1); 4. O'F (403.8)

SPRINT MEDLEY: 1. EDW (3:43.7); 2. CAH (3:46.3); 3. O'F (3:47.0); 4. BE (3:48.0)

TRIPLE JUMP: 1. EDW (106.11); 2. EDW (106.43); 3. BE (105.94); 4. BW (105.10)

INTERMEDIATE HURDLES: 1. BE (1:02.4); 2. GC (1:03.4); 3. BW (1:03.7); 4. BE (1:05.8)

DISTANCE MEDLEY: 1. MV (11:37.3); 2. BE (12:06.7); 3. O'F (12:15.5); 4. BW (12:21.3)

500 YD HURDLES: 1. EDW (1:06.4); 2. BE (1:06.7); 3. O'F (1:10.3); 4. MV (1:10.4)

4 x 200 RELAY: 1. BE (1:33.3); 2. GC (1:34.3); 3. BW (1:35.0); 4. EDW (1:35.0)

MILE RELAY: 1. (3:33.3); 2. EDW (3:34.3); 3. CAH (3:35.1); 4. BE (3:35.8)

Freshman-sophomore events
4 x 800 RELAY: 1. BE (9:08.0); 2. O'F (9:11.9); 3. GC (9:13.1); 4. BE (9:23.3)

4 x 100 RELAY: 1. BE (36.3); 2. BE (36.6); 3. CAH (36.7); 4. MV (36.7)

500 YD HURDLES: 1. O'F (1:02.3); 2. BE (1:02.3); 3. MV (1:02.3); 4. O'F (1:02.3)

DISCUS: 1. MV (408.3); 2. EDW (408.11); 3. BE (402.1); 4. O'F (403.8)

SPRINT MEDLEY: 1. CAH (3:37.7); 2. BE (3:40.7); 3. BE (3:40.7); 4. MV (3:41.7)

4 x 200 RELAY: 1. MV (1:36.8); 2. BE (1:38.1); 3. BE (1:38.2); 4. CAH (1:38.2)

SHOT PUT: 1. BW (161.40); 2. O'F (160.10); 3. BE (158.11); 4. MV (158.3)

INTERMEDIATE HURDLES: 1. O'F (1:02.3); 2. BE (1:02.3); 3. BE (1:02.3); 4. O'F (1:02.3)

4 x 100 RELAY: 1. MV (34.0); 2. CAH (34.6); 3. BE (34.7); 4. BE (34.8)

All events were scored using a relay format.

McGee, at 30, still ignoring skeptics

Long-time Cardinal won't change style

By Rob Rains

Staff affiliate

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Don't look now, but Willie McGee is 30 years old.

The Cardinal outfielder whom most fans annually perceive as being the eternal youngster has grown up. Of the current Cardinals, only Ozzie Smith, by a month, has spent more time in a Cardinals uniform than McGee.

McGee, who joined the Cardinals one month into the 1982 season, says turning 30 last November was not a monumental event for him and did not cause him to immediately check out the details of his pension plan.

"I don't feel it," McGee said. "I'm still having fun, I feel good, I'm still excited. The only time I feel it is when I go home and run around with the kids."

McGee, who has two daughters, does believe, however, he is old enough to know what is best for himself. And that is to ignore the skeptics who continually find fault with his performance.

"People want perfection," McGee said. "But this is my business, it's my profession. I'm sure I've thought about everything three times as much as anybody else has. I know what my faults are. It's not like I'm a kid."

"I've been playing baseball since I was a little kid. I know that I'm not Tom Herr or Ozzie Smith. I know I'm not the most selective hitter in the world. I just have to go out there and be Willie McGee."

In Florida, McGee does not have to listen to callers on radio talk shows repeating night after night how they wish he wouldn't swing at bad pitches. But that's the way he plays, and at 30, he knows it's too late in the game to change the weight.

"I'm going to stay aggressive," McGee said. "If all the people who say I should do this or do that know that much about it, they would be in the big leagues. I know I swing at bad pitches. I know I'm not the most disciplined hitter around. But that's easier said than done."

"If I try to be more disciplined, I end up taking a lot of strikes and then I'm in a hole. The key to me having success is being aggressive in the strike zone. If I do that I'm going to hit. If I sit and watch a game on TV, I can hit every pitch out of the ballpark. But when you get out in the water and try to catch up with that shark, it's a different story."

McGee believes that if anything, his age should be a benefit to him instead of a hindrance.

He has been through seven seasons with the Cardinals and there isn't too much that surprises him anymore.

"Most people still think of me as being 26 or 27, and I take that as a compliment," McGee said. "It feels like I've been here only three years or so; time has gone that fast. I don't feel like a kid anymore, because I've been through so much."

McGee said it was a coincidence that the winter he turned 30 was the same winter he went through a rigorous series of workouts, trying to get himself in better shape for this season.

Working with fitness and nutri-

"People want perfection. I know I'm not the most selective hitter in the world. I just have to go out there and be Willie McGee."

tion expert Mackie Shiltone, McGee added 27 pounds to his 6-1 frame from the end of last season, going from 178 to 205. He since has leveled off at around 200 pounds and hopes to stay there throughout the season.

"I did it for conditioning," McGee said. "I thought I was too light in the past. When it starts getting hot, I just want to stay strong for as long as I can."

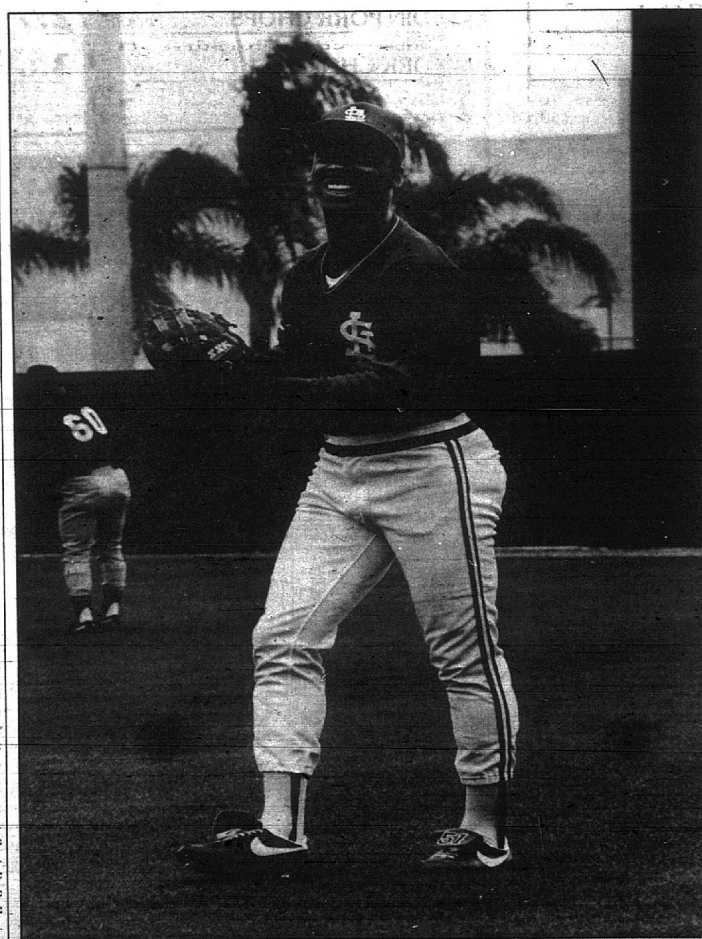
"It would be different if I put the weight on sitting around and drinking beer and eating cupcakes. I did it the right way."

McGee thinks the work and added weight will produce positive results.

"I want to be better in all phases of the game, offensively and defensively," McGee said. "If I can keep my hamstrings from tightening up, I think I can steal 50 to 60 bases. But my legs have got to feel good every day to do that."

"Hitting-wise, I think I can improve in every phase. I want to drive the ball better this year. Last year I got into a rut where I was hitting flat-footed and just using my hands. If I can just drive the ball better, I think that will take care of everything else."

The one major thing McGee has learned is that he never can stop learning or trying to find ways to improve.



(SNS photo)
WILLIE MCGEE is second in seniority on the Cardinals. Only Ozzie Smith, by one month, has worn the Cardinal uniform longer than the veteran center fielder, who was a rookie on the 1982 world champions.

Like father, like son in the Ferry clan

Watching the Final Four on television brought a flood of memories — fond memories — back to me.

The tall, slim star of the Duke team couldn't help but remind me of another young and slim 6-8 player who starred at St. Louis University at the tail end of the Billiken's halcyon days in the late 1950s.

His name was Bob Ferry, whose son Danny was the premier player at Duke the last four years. His collegiate career ended with Saturday's 95-78 loss to Seton Hall in the national semifinals.

Danny went out with a great effort — 34 points. The son is a trifle taller than his dad at 6-10. He is an extremely accomplished player in all phases of the game and should have a great pro career.

Now the question is: Which pro team will sign him?

I would think the Washington Bullets would have more than the usual interest in land him since Bob Ferry is now general manager of that team. The Bul-

Sports Of All Sorts

By Al Barnes

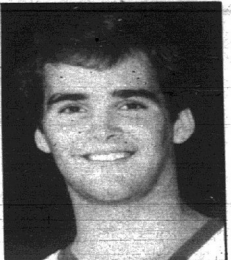


Danny Ferry

lets are currently a couple games behind the Celtics in the battle for the final playoff spot in the NBA's Eastern Conference, so Washington could land in the draft lottery, which would give them a chance at landing Danny, who figures to be one of the top picks in the draft.

The elder Ferry, who played his prep basketball at Cleveland High in St. Louis, ranks in the top ten for Saint Louis U. scorers. Watching young Danny was like seeing double in my memory. The two are so much alike it's amazing.

The Ferrys' best move was/is a fake of the head at the right baseline, then a quick drive to



the basket for a neat layup and a routine two points. Danny Ferry slammed the door on countless Duke opponents this year with that move.

Another local fan, Mrs. Bun Grzesk, widow of the

late Dr. Leo L. Grzesk, is more than a casual fan of the Saint Louis U. basketball team. Her husband was a graduate of the SLU medical school and was an unpaid team doctor for the basketball team from 1955 through the late 1960s.

The Grzesks never missed a home game and rarely missed a road game. Bun was playing bridge at our apartment recently when Danny was playing on television. She couldn't get over how much Danny looked like his dad. She also predicted Saint Louis U. is headed back to its former status as one of the nation's top basketball powers — and that was long before the Billikens made their great showing in the NIT Tournament.

Funny thing, the Billikens' rise might have happened sooner had Danny Ferry decided to attend SLU.

How about this all-star team of ex-Cardinals?

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — With all of the talk about major league baseball possibly expanding soon, it seems only logical that one of the new teams be an All-Star unit made up entirely of ex-Cardinals.

This team even might be able to do better than most first-year clubs and likely would be the only club willing to give Steve Carlton a chance to pitch another year.

The starting lineup:

First base: Keith Hernandez. He might have slowed a step or two, but especially if he has a few more days off, he still can be a productive player.

Second base: Tom Herr. His range has been cut down a little because of age, but he still is a solid player offensively and defensively.

Shortstop: Jose Uribe. A very good defensive player, and defense is the most important part of a shortstop's contribution to a ballclub.

Third base: Ken Oberkell. Another member of the Cardinals' 1982 World Series reunion squad.

Left field: Lonnie Smith. A solid winter in Puerto Rico convinced this team's executives he still can play.

Center field: Andy Van Slyke. The star of the team and its cornerstone for the future.

Right field: Jack Clark. Even if he now plays first base more often, Clark knows his value to this team, so he agrees to shift back to the outfield.

Catcher: Mike LaValliere. Like shortstop, defense is the first thing you look for in a catcher and LaValliere is one of the best in the league.

On Baseball

By Rob Rains



Starting pitchers:

John Tudor — The ace of the staff, anticipating a complete recovery from elbow surgery in October.

Bob Forsch — A proven veteran who gets a spot in the rotation on a regular basis, something he hasn't had for a couple of years.

Dave LaPoint — The leading practical joker on the team.

Jerry Russer — Another veteran who still believes he has a couple of years left in him.

Rick Horton — Fifth starter who will flip-flop between the rotation and the bullpen.

Relievers:

Joe Boever — Provides some youth to an otherwise veteran — or ancient — bullpen.

Neil Allen — Righthander who would be used primarily in setup situations.

Bruce Sutter — Still has to prove that he is over his arm troubles and that he still can be an effective closer.

Pat Perry — A lefty who could be used both in setup role and as closer, depending on the situation.

Steve Carlton — The Hall-of-Famer-to-be wants to pitch one more season, and he deserves to be the 10th man on the staff.

Reserves:

Lance Johnson — Top outfield reserve who can play all three spots, also can pinch-hit and pinch-run.

Ferry Kennedy — Veteran catcher who adds some experience to the team off the bench.

Curt Ford — A top pinch-hitter and reserve outfielder.

Mike Heath — He makes the team as a third catcher because of his ability to play third base, first base, left field and right field.

Rafael Santana — Backup infielder who makes the team as a reserve ahead of Garry Templeton because of his ability to also play second and third.

Jamie Quirk — Beats out several other potential reserves (such as Steve Lake, Tom Nieto and Mark Salas) because of his ability to play several positions.

Manager:

Nick Leyva — Just a rookie, but he shows good potential. Hal Lanier is waiting patiently in case the team gets off to a slow start and needs to make a change.

General Manager:

Lee Thomas — The man who put this club together. Thomas said his goal was to run an expansion club and take it from the bottom to the top, and this club would give him that chance.

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LEADING HITTERS

Player/Team	AB	R	H	AVG
Jackson, Columbia	4	2	3	0.750
Dan, E. St. Louis	4	1	3	0.750
Crawford, Columbia	11	8	10	0.727
Schneider, Columbia	3	2	3	0.667
Lehman, Gibault	5	2	3	0.600
Waller, O'Fallon	7	1	4	0.571
Masotti, O'Fallon	11	7	10	0.545
Baird, Columbia	11	7	10	0.545
Wolmer, Columbia	11	7	10	0.545
Wiese, Waterloo	13	5	7	0.538
Wolmer, Columbia	4	2	3	0.500
Muck, Edwardsville	6	2	3	0.500
Wise, Collinsville	6	1	3	0.500
Huber, Belleville E.	3	2	3	0.500
Walker, Jerseyville	2	2	2	1.000
Lafina, Columbia	4	0	2	0.500
Quinn, E. St. Louis	4	0	2	0.500
May, Columbia	13	4	6	0.462
Wilson, O'Fallon	13	1	6	0.462
Dave, Waterloo	11	7	5	0.455

HOME RUNS — Eric Baldridge, Columbia, 1; Ken May, Columbia, 1; Eric Jennings, Edwardsville, 1; Darren Baltz, Columbia, 1; Tony Mergerlo, Edwardsville, 1; Scott Schilling, Gibault, 1; Mark Little, Edwardsville, 1.

STOLEN BASES — Brad Wiese, Waterloo, 6; Braun Borman, Wood River, 5; Brian Garrett, O'Fallon, 5; Herman Wilson, O'Fallon, 4; Alexander Walker, Jerseyville, 3; Steve Glasbrook, O'Fallon, 2; Keith Bridges, Triad, 2; DENNIS LABORAY, GRANITE CITY, 2; Tim Taylor, Valmeyer, 2; Greg Stewart, Triad, 2; CHAD LIGNOUL, GRANITE CITY, 1; Tom Price, Edwardsville, 2; Jay Cryder, Highland, 2.

2: Derek Bircher, Highland, 2; Don Eddy, Triad, 2; Marty Lowy, Columbia, 2; John Shovic, Belleville E., 2.

PITCHING (1 Decision) — Chris Neff, Waterloo, 1,000, 2.40; Todd Pransitis, Triad, 1,000, 2.40; Dave Jones, Edwardsville, 1,000, 2.40; Adam Lynn, Columbia, 1,000, 2.40; Mark Jackson, Columbia, 1,000, 2.40; Tim Meyer, Gibault, 1,000, 1.40; Brian Gibbs, Triad, 1,000, 1.40; Shannon Lutz, O'Fallon, 1,000, 1.40; Darren Baltz, Columbia, 1,000, 1.40; DARRIN HUFFMAN, GRANITE CITY, 1,000, 1.40; Kiri Ervin, Highland, 1,000, 1.40; Dennis Davis, Waterloo, 1,000, 1.40; Gary Beggs, Belleville E., 1,000, 1.40; Tom Price, Edwardsville, 1,000, 1.40; Forry Wells, Belleville E., 1,000, 1.40.

Chris Jones, Jerseyville, 1,000, 1.40; Brian Farmer, Wood River, 1,000, 1.40; Kevin Hoffman, Waterloo, 1,000, 1.40; JAMIE NEEDHAM, GRANITE CITY, 1,000, 1.40; Trevor Pizzo, Wood River, 1,000, 1.40; Cory Schilling, Wood River, 1,000, 1.40.

ERA (Avg. Runs) — Cathryn, E. St. Louis, 0.00; 0; Range, Gibault, 0.00; 0; Williams, E. St. Louis, 0.00; 0; Adam Lynn, Edwardsville, 0.00; 0; Chris Jones, Jerseyville, 0.00; 0; Dave Jones, Edwardsville, 0.00; 0; Ed Altsman, Roxana, 0.00; 0; Forry Wells, Belleville E., 0.00; 0; JAMIE NEEDHAM, GRANITE CITY, 0.00; 0; Kevin Hoffman, Waterloo, 0.00; 0; Marc Tuttle, Edwardsville, 0.00; 0; Mike Clark, Collinsville, 0.00; 0.

Raid Huber, Belleville E., 0.00; 0; Sean Holybes, Jerseyville, 0.00; 0; Tom Mueller, Valmeyer, 1.00; 1; Tom Noasong, Collinsville, 1.00; 1; Todd Pransitis, Triad, 1.36; 2; Tom Price, Edwardsville, 1.40; 1; Brian Larson, Roxana, 1.75; 1; Gary Beggs, Belleville E., 1.75; 1; Cory Schilling, Wood River, 1.81; 3; Dennis Davis, Waterloo, 2.00; 2; Jeff Munier, Mascoutah, 2.33; 1; John Albert, Mascoutah, 2.33; 1; Kiri Ervin, Highland, 2.33; 1; Randy Williams, Mascoutah, 2.33; 1.

STRIKEOUT AVG. (Avg. SO's) — Gary Beggs, Belleville E., 14.00; 8; John Albert, Mascoutah, 14.00; 8; Brian Gibbs, Triad, 13.70; 6; Ed Altsman, Roxana, 12.25; 7; Brett Crawford, Columbia, 11.57; 6; Tom Price, Edwardsville, 10.50; 5; Cory Schilling, Wood River, 10.18; 16; Shannon Lutz, O'Fallon, 10.00; 10; Shane Guthrie, O'Fallon, 9.33; 12; MARK BEGANO, GRANITE CITY, 9.33; 12; Forry Wells, Belleville E., 9.33; 12; Chris Neff, Waterloo, 7.43; 12; Tom Bruessman, Highland, 7.00; 10; Adam Lynn, Edwardsville, 7.00; 8.

SAVES — Raid Huber, Belleville E., 2; Tom Price, Edwardsville, 1; JAMIE NEEDHAM, GRANITE CITY, 1; Marc Tuttle, Edwardsville, 1; Matt Rimer, Triad, 1; Randy Rippelmeyer, Waterloo, 1; Range, Gibault, 1; Dan Carter, Edwardsville, 1.

RUNS BATTED IN — Brett Crawford, Columbia, 10; Ken Conner, O'Fallon, 6; Ken May, Columbia, 5; Don Becker, Triad, 5; Darren Baltz, Columbia, 5; Mark Jackson, Columbia, 4; Todd Wolmer, Columbia, 4; Eric Baldridge, Columbia, 4; Dennis Davis, Waterloo, 4; Randy Rippelmeyer, Waterloo, 4; Sean Walsh, Wood River, 4; Matt Barry, Wood River, 4; Chris Goher, Wood River, 4; Scott Schilling, Gibault, 4; Range, Gibault, 3; J.J. Scarba, Edwardsville, 3; Keith Bridges, Triad, 3; Eric Maurer, Waterloo, 3; David Gummarsheimer, Columbia, 3; Greg Morrison, Edwardsville, 3; Chad Emsch, Columbia, 3; BRIAN HARSHANDY, GRANITE CITY, 3; Mike Lloyd, Waterloo, 3; KORY MARTIN, GRANITE CITY, 3; Butch Ford, Valmeyer, 3.

Ball Park has new courts; World Cup tickets available

The Ball Park Sports Center in O'Fallon announces the addition of two new outdoor volleyball courts and a bier garden with viewing decks. Applications for the spring league, which begins May 7, are now being accepted.

Ball Park also has a limited supply of tickets for the U.S. vs. Costa Rica World Cup qualifier to be played at St. Louis Soccer Park at 3 p.m. April 30. Ticket prices are \$12, \$10, \$8 and \$6 and may be obtained from Mike Moore by calling 632-5900 between 3 and 11 p.m. weekdays or 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekends.



Scott LeVault goes 1-1 on opening trip

Scott LeVault of Granite City was 1-1 as the Aurora (Ill.) University baseball team opened the season with a 4-5 record on a trip south.

The Spartans won their first four games, with LeVault pitching a 4-0 shutout over Christian Brothers College of Memphis, Tenn., in the third of those games on March 19. Aurora then lost its next five games, with LeVault taking a 6-1 defeat at the hands of Southeast Louisiana State in the last game of the trip on March 24.

LeVault is a sophomore at Aurora and a 1987 graduate of Granite City High School. He was 9-3 as a senior for the Warriors in 1987 after a 6-0 junior season. He also played for the 1986 Southwestern Conference champion Warrior football team and plays football for the Spartans as well.

Softball league forming

A men's softball league is being formed at Lee's Park in Venice on Wednesday.

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Plant a tree on Arbor Day; the rewards are priceless

Arbor Day is a day dedicated to trees, to their beauty and usefulness, and to their preservation.

While Arbor Day is not a considered a major holiday, it will be among our most significant ones, especially as years go by.

Its purpose is to point out the need to protect at least certain portions of America's natural forests and woodlands, and to encourage communities and individuals to plant and maintain trees.

The founder of Arbor Day, J. Sterling Morton, once wrote, "Other holidays repose upon the past — Arbor Day proposes for the future."

Illinois this year will celebrate Arbor Day on April 8. Trees benefit homeowners in many ways. They add beauty and shade, can increase property value and clean the air.

Unlike most things in life, trees continue to yield more benefits as time goes by.

The importance of tree planting and preservation is clearer now than ever before because these plants can help combat the greenhouse effect, a global warming trend that could have devastating effects on the world's environment.

The greenhouse effect is caused primarily by the release of carbon dioxide through the process of burning fossil fuels like oil and coal. The gas traps the sun's rays, and that boosts the earth's temperatures.

Because trees absorb carbon dioxide as they grow (converting it into life-enhancing oxygen), they help cool the globe. But the massive destruction of the world's forests, including the clearing of the tropical rain forests, have reduced the planet's capacity to slow carbon dioxide buildup — hence the need for more trees along with

better energy conservation and reduced fossil fuel consumption.

To address the need for more trees, the American Forestry Association in Washington D.C. has launched a nationwide campaign called Global Release.

Individuals and communities everywhere are encouraged to dig in and plant trees. The forestry association is hoping Americans will plant 100 million trees by 1992.

Trees vary in size and shape. Factors to consider when making your selection include location, purpose, space limitations and aesthetic value. The key is planting the right tree in the right place.

Small trees such as redbuds, star magnolia, dogwood, Japanese maple, Bradford pear, certain crab apple varieties and others, make excellent ornamentals in areas where a large shade tree is not needed or is impractical.

If you desire more shade or have room for a large tree, consider those with strong wood, and few insects and disease problems. You also may want to avoid those with messy fruit.

Desirable shade trees that do well in this area include sugar maple, Norway maple, red maple, pin oak, red oak, white oak, black gum, river birch, linden and gingko.

Evergreen trees like junipers, hollies, Eastern white pine, hemlock, Colorado spruce and Colorado blue spruce provide screening, privacy, beauty and texture in the landscape.

Before making a selection, research the tree you are considering and their varieties so that you choose a type that is right for your space.

After you have selected a tree and decided where to plant it, follow these steps:

• Protect the root system from drying if a delay in planting occurs.

• Dig a hole large enough to accommodate the entire root system.

• Make sure drainage from the hole is good.

• Add a starter fertilizer solution (low analysis or slow release).

• Set the tree in the hole no deeper than it was at its original site.

• Cover roots or root ball with good soil and add water.

• Wrap the trunk to protect against lawn mower and winter injury.

• Install support stake on guy wires when needed.

• Mulch around the base of the tree with 2 inches of organic material such as shredded bark, leaf mold or any other organic mulch. (Do not mound mulch against trunk.)

Water about every 10 days, possibly more during July and August.

Arbor Day draws attention not only to the benefits of tree planting, but also to the importance of maintaining existing trees. Throughout the year, check for dead or broken limbs, and insect or disease problems.

Established trees also can benefit from mulching and watering during dry periods. If your trees are too large for you to handle, contact an arborist. These professionals have the knowledge, experience and equipment to help your valuable trees.

This Arbor Day, plant a tree or help out an existing one. And make plans to include your children or grandchildren in the celebration so they can learn about the importance of trees and see their value grow for years to come.

This article is by horticulturalist Timothy Gamma, vice president of the St. Louis Arborists Association.

Conserve energy (your own) by using good garden tools

Good gardeners know that having the proper tools on hand is one of the secrets to green-thumb success. This includes everything from the small hand trowel to the heavy spade or shovel used for planting larger specimens as well as preparing soil in areas that are too small to till with a tiller.

Inexpensive tools are often unable to meet the demands placed on them. Plus, using the wrong tool, a low-quality tool or a poorly maintained tool can make gardening work difficult and frustrating.

A garden trowel is a small tool that is used for a variety of jobs, from planting small seedlings to digging out deeply rooted weeds. Select a trowel that is sturdy and has a good handle that will not bend when the tool is used roughly.

Many types of pruning tools are available. A hand pruner that will go easily through the heavier branches on rose bushes or shrubs in need of pruning is essential. It should be cleaned regularly and kept well-oiled.

If you plan to do heavy pruning on a regular basis, you will need sturdy pruners with longer handles made of steel. Keep them sharpened for best results.

Digging tools include spades, shovels and digging forks. Some low digging. Select a sturdy fork for best results.

When buying a digging tool, select one with a sturdy handle and a blade made of good-quality steel. These tools should be washed occasionally, and kept oiled to prevent rusting. Sharpen as needed depending on the use and the type of soil you are working in. For rocky soil, regular sharpening will be needed.

Older tools should be checked now if not cleaned up last fall. Dirty or rusty tools should be cleaned thoroughly with warm, soapy water and a coarse cloth, such as burlap, or steel wool.

This is also the time to sharpen and oil your tools. This should be done when tools are thoroughly clean. If handles are chipped or broken, or wood grain has splintered, they should be replaced immediately.

If you need new tools, ask your local garden center or hardware store to help you choose types that will meet your needs. A friend or neighbor who is an avid gardener also is likely to be a good source for advice.

Choose good tools; keep them clean, sharp and oiled, and hang them up after each use.



By Bob Dingwall

gardeners will have all three.

No matter whether you are buying a spade, a shovel or a fork, it is important to consider length of the handle. The tool should feel comfortable to you. If the handle is too long or too short, your work will be harder on your back.

Whether to use a spade, which has flat mouth; a shovel, which has a rounded mouth; or a garden fork is a matter of personal preference.

Spades or shovels often are used in preparing a bed or planting individual trees or shrubs. The garden fork is ideal for reworking flower beds and can be used for general digging.

There is not as much stress in using a fork as there is with a spade or shovel because it penetrates the ground more easily. It also tends to break up the soil better than the spade or shovel, making it very useful for shallow digging.

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This is also the time to sharpen and oil your tools. This should be done when tools are thoroughly clean. If handles are chipped or broken, or wood grain has splintered, they should be replaced immediately.

If you need new tools, ask your local garden center or hardware store to help you choose types that will meet your needs. A friend or neighbor who is an avid gardener also is likely to be a good source for advice.

Choose good tools; keep them clean, sharp and oiled, and hang them up after each use.

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